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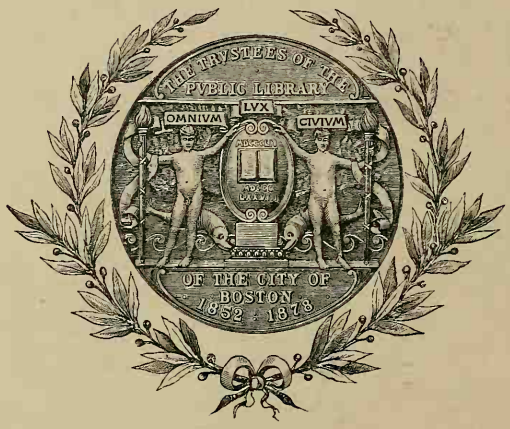

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INTRODUCTION

The title of this pamphlet, The Ancestry of James Patten, is to a great extent deceptive, for on the paternal side James Patten's father is his only "ancestor" now, or likely to be, discovered, while on the maternal side we can trace a slight three generations to a shadowy great-grandfather. However, the pamphlet is the seventh in a series dealing with the ancestry of my great-great-grandparents, and for the sake of uniformity it is so entitled. Actually it deals with the descendants of six men who emigrated to New England in the early years of the eighteenth century, four of them being the brothers Matthew Patten of Biddeford, Hector Patten of Saco, Robert Patten of Arundel, and William Patten of Boston. The fifth, William Patten of Wells, presumably a close kinsman of the brothers, is included as by so doing all of the Patten emigrants who settled in Maine are conveniently grouped in one volume, while the sixth, James Johnston, finds an appropriate place herein as his granddaughter was James Patten's mother.

All of these men were of Scotch descent, springing from families which left Scotland in the seventeenth century, encouraged by the British government, to settle in the northern counties of Ireland which formed the ancient kingdom of Ulster, where they became a tough and unwelcome minority. After nearly a hundred years of religious, political and economic struggle, siege and famine, which resulted in an ingrained hatred both for the Celtic Irish and for the English, hundreds of Ulster Scots prepared to undertake the long voyage to America. Soon all of the colonies from Maine to Georgia began to receive these new-comers, almost as foreign to the original English stock as they had been to the Irish. Some few remained in the seaport towns where their voyage ended, but, clannish to an extreme, the great majority settled in large groups on the fringes of colonial population where new land could be had for a low price. To distinguish them from the ethnic Irish whose emigration did not begin in force until the middle years of the nineteenth century, American historians have called them the "Scotch-Irish." This convenient term is very annoying to writers of Irish descent whose chosen field has been the contribution of the people of Ireland to American life, but as many descendants of these later emigrants, after a hundred years in America, persist in calling themselves "Irish-Americans," or simply Irish, their objections to the use of "Scotch-Irish" seem somewhat childish.

It is my belief that our Patten family originated in Scotland and not in England. Since surnames have existed, there have been Patons, Pattons and Pattens in the central and lowland counties of Scotland and in the nineteenth century about fifteen in every ten thousand Scots bore the name. The few Patten families in northern England are more likely to be of Scottish stock than descendants of twelfth-century lords of "Patine" in the southern county of Essex, a place which, by the way, is not mentioned in the histories of Essex or in the topographical dictionaries of England. Burke's *Landed Gentry* which Mr. Lower gives as evidence for "Patine" in his *Patronymica Brittanica,* is undoubtedly the worst possible authority. Some writers on the subject of surnames suggest that the name is occupational, being given to makers of pattens or clogs, others suggest that it is a diminutive of Patrick, that given-name having always been common in Scotland. Patterson, a frequent Scotch name, is usually said to be derived from Patrick's son. The most scientific theory in regard to the meaning of Patten, however, would seem to be that it comes from the word *pect* (Pict) which was the Saxons' name for the tribes who dwelt in the lowlands of Scotland at the beginning of the historical period.* If the name comes from any or all of these possibilities it is obvious that, when surnames were first adopted in Scotland, many separate and unrelated individuals may have been called Patten and founded families of the name. It should not be necessary to point out that spelling was purely a matter of choice before the appearance of Dr. Johnson's dictionary, and that in proper names it has to a great extent remained so. One branch of the Maine family of Patten was quite consistently "Patting" for several decades of the nineteenth century. Paton and Patton are at present the commoner spellings in Scotland and the southern states, while Patten is more frequent in England and New England.

The public records of Ulster for the seventeenth century are, compared to those of England, practically non-existent, and we cannot hope to discover the parentage of our Maine Pattens. That the name was widely borne in Ulster is obvious from the fact that Pattens are found in more than average numbers in the Scotch-Irish settlements in Georgia, Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Maine. To successfully leap the gap between Ireland and Scotland is even more remotely improbable. Inasmuch as the use of a coat-of-arms is a personal right inherited

* See *Surnames as a Science,* by Robert Ferguson, M.P., F.S.A. (Scot.), 1884, p. 87.

by a provable male descent from a legal grantee or an ancestor whose arms have been generally recognized, it follows that the Maine Pattens, whose European ancestry is totally unknown, have no shadow of a claim to the arms of an English or Scotch family of Patten. The common possession of a surname has in itself nothing whatever to do with the common possession of a coat-of-arms, and the proprieties are violated in exactly the same degree when a Maine Patten adopts and uses the coat of the Pattens of county Lancaster as when he adopts and uses the coat of the Stuarts or the Tudors.

It was possibly the publication of Mr. Folsom's *History of Saco and Biddeford* in 1830 and the researches which Mr. Bradbury may have already begun for his History of Kennebunkport which first aroused an interest in genealogy in our Patten family. In 1830 Capt. John[3] Patten (*Robert*[2], *Matthew*[1]), then living in Portland, wrote to Capt. Hugh[3] Patten (*Actor*,[2] *Robert*[1]) in Topsham asking what he knew about the origin of the family. Capt. Hugh referred the matter to John[4] Patten (*Robert*,[3] *John*,[2] *Hector*[1]) of Bowdoinham who wrote the following letter which has fortunately been preserved.*

Bowdoinham, May 10, 1830

Dear Sir,

A letter from you to Mr. Hugh Patten of Topsham, was, a few days ago, put into my hands, requesting information respecting our ancestors. The following I have collected from my father, now nearly 87 years of age, & is all that I am in possession of on the subject. Whether correct or not, I have no means of determining; but such as it is, I communicate it with pleasure.

My father's grandfather, Actor Patten, was born in Ireland, county of Derry & town of Dimbo, Colerain being the principal market town in the vicinity. He came to America, probably as you state, in company with his brothers William and Robert, about the year 1727, his oldest son, John Patten, my grandfather, being then ten or eleven years old. He landed in Boston & from Boston came to Falmouth now Portland & settled in Saco, in a part of said town then called Old Orchard. After residing in Saco about 40 years, he removed, a short time before the war of the Revolution, to Frenchman's Bay where he died, but at what time or at what

* Now in the hands of Eliza (Ward) LeGallee of Biddeford Pool, a great-granddaughter of Capt. John Patten.

age is unknown. His first wife's name was Suter, his second he married in this country, a widow, of the name of Armstrong. He was an Elder in the church to which he belonged in Ireland, & was esteemed a very religious man. He was a Protestant, & in his religious opinions, a Calvinist. His ancestors came to Ireland from Scotland, but at what period is unknown. He had three sons, John, William & Matthew. William has no male descendants now living, those of John and Matthew are considerably numerous. His brother William settled & died in Boston, & his descendants are now extinct. His youngest brother Robert settled in Saco or vicinity, & was the grandfather of Mr. Hugh Patten of Topsham. Of his other brother, Matthew, who came over, it seems, first to this country, I have learnt nothing in addition to what is stated in your letter. The Pattens in Topsham & vicinity all descended from Actor & Robert. Hector & Actor are names undoubtedly of the same individual, & the same, mentioned by you, as living in Saco in 1739.

Yours respectfully

John Patten.

Three years later John Patten again wrote to another John Patten, who from the context would appear to be John[4] (*Actor*,[3] *Actor*,[2] *Robert*[1]), and there are a few additions and variations in this second letter. He states that Hector Patten's children were by his first wife. Possibly some one of the Patten shipcaptains had already made superficial inquiries in regard to the family in London, for in this letter the "Patine in Essex County" theory makes its first appearance. It is rather disturbing to find him writing, in both letters, that William[2] Patten (*Hector*[1]) had no male descendants. That line was, to be sure, very near extinction, but in Richmond, not many miles away from Bowdoinham, lived a William Patten, the only grandson of William[2] (*Hector*[1]), whose identity seems to be indisputable. He says that the "youngest brother, Robert, . . . left three sons, Actor Patten, your father, who married Anne, daughter of William Wilson . . . Robert Patten of Litchfield and another whose name is not known and who probably settled in the eastern part of Maine." In fact there were four sons, Actor Patten who married Anne Wilson was Robert's grandson as was Robert Patten of Litchfield, and none of the four settled in eastern Maine. This is a good example of how misleading personal accounts of family relationships can be.

In 1863 John Patten again wrote his recollections of what his father had told him but the additions are even less trustworthy.

Since then the Patten family has been dealt with in Wheeler's *History of Brunswick and Topsham*, in a type-written genealogy by Rev. Charles Sinnett and in a genealogy by Mr. Howard Parker Moore. As a genealogist Mr. Sinnett is negligible, but he performed a service by gathering Bible and family records from hundreds of correspondents, covering dozens of families in the Kennebec region. An amusing feature of his work is his habit of attributing a long list of pious and moral characteristics to practically every individual of whom he wrote, when, as a matter of fact, he knew nothing whatever of their characters. Mr. Moore wrote primarily of the New Hampshire Pattens, giving secondary consideration to the Maine families, and he was handicapped by the fact that he did not know of the existence of Matthew Patten of Biddeford and William Patten of Wells and their descendants. Nor does this pamphlet pretend to be a complete genealogy, if such a thing is possible. It does, however, straighten out the first three or four generations of a very complicated family, and should be useful to the ultimate Patten genealogist.

John Patten's letter of 1830 contains the earliest statement that Matthew, Hector, Robert and William Patten were brothers, and when he wrote it grandsons of the first three were still living. There is also some circumstantial evidence. William mentioned two children of Matthew in his will. William's son Robert assisted Hector's son Matthew in his land purchases. Robert named his eldest son Hector, while Hector had sons William and Matthew. Personally I have no doubt that this tradition is based on fact, unlike many stories of brother emigrants, in which "three brothers" is almost uniform and generally false.

This has been my first excursion into nineteenth-century genealogy and I have learned the surprising lesson that one can place no reliance on dates from any source. In one case a newspaper, a family Bible, a gravestone and a town record supplied four different dates for one death. In one Bible the deaths of two children were entered as taking place weeks before their births. In hardly a case, where there were two records involving dates, did they agree. To have stated the source of each date would have taken much unnecessary space, and, at that, my guess as to the correct one might well be wrong. After all, it is the facts of birth, marriage and death and the relationship which is important, not the exact day of the event.

Many members of the family have kindly supplied me with information, and to Miss Mary Pelham Hill of Topsham, Mrs. James Quine of Bangor and Miss Sybil Noyes of Saco I am grateful for intelligent research which in some cases approached the technique of the detective.

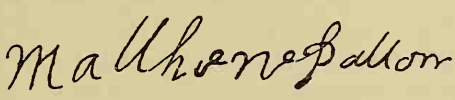
I

MATTHEW PATTEN OF BIDDEFORD

THE ANCESTRY OF
JAMES PATTEN

MATTHEW PATTEN

1. Matthew Patten was born in Ireland about the year 1691. With his wife, Margaret, and at least one child, he came to New England in the first wave of Scotch-Irish emigration and settled in Wells, Maine, where he was granted fifty acres of land by the town proprietors on July 12, 1720. In 1721 he "recognized his baptismal covenant" in the Wells church and had his son baptized. He was a blacksmith by trade. After living on his Wells grant for six years, he sold the land to Richard Deane, Margaret Patten releasing her dower, and purchased from William Jones of Boston another fifty acre tract on the north side of the Saco River in the town of Biddeford,* with two smaller lots of pasture of six acres each, one being on Goosefair Brook.†



From Biddeford Patten moved farther east to Falmouth, his skill as a smith being in demand, and the latter town made him a grant of land in lots of varying size, but in 1730 Matthew Patten "of Falmouth" was again purchasing property in Biddeford, another fifty acre farm from John Tarr, for £200.‡ Two years later he sold his Falmouth house and grants, only the smaller portion of which had been laid out, to Mr. Samuel Waldo and Col. Thomas Westbrook,§ and within a month bought from Joshua Cheever a house and one hundred acres on the southwest side of the Saco River in Biddeford, giving in return a mortgage which he finally discharged in 1745.‖ In 1733 he and Thomas Gilpatrick, another Ulsterman, bought six acres of marsh at Winter Harbor.¶ The Tarr fifty acres was sold to Benjamin Hill

* Now in the town of Saco.
† York Deeds, 12: 57, 360.
‡ York Deeds, 16: 268.
§ York Deeds, 16: 94.
‖ York Deeds, 15: 233; 25: 111.
¶ York Deeds, 15: 183.

in 1734 for £350, a transaction which brought Patten £150 more than he had paid for the property four years before.*

Land speculation apparently appealed to Patten. Beyond the settled fringe of the seacoast lay vast tracts of wild and vacant land. By 1752 he had bought from William Neck and James Morgan of Marblehead one-quarter of their great holdings up the Saco River and on its easterly bank—one lot of one hundred and another of four hundred and ninety acres† and had added some forty-seven acres to his Biddeford farms.‡

This seems to have marked the end of his accumulative period. Fifty acres of the Neck and Morgan purchase were sold to Joshua Hooper in 1748,§ and thereafter he figures as grantor only when dealing with his sons.

Matthew Patten, was, like most of the Ulster emigrants, a Presbyterian, and in 1739 he and others petitioned the town of Biddeford that "those who call themselves Presbyterians be set off from support of Rev. Mr. Willard," but met with refusal. Probably he became reconciled to the local forms of worship as the new meeting-house (Biddeford lower parish) was built upon his land in 1759.

The last mention of Margaret Patten is in 1734, when she released her dower in a deed. In a deed of 1748 she is not named and presumably had died before that date.

Matthew Patten died in Biddeford September 25, 1773, in his 83rd year.|| His will, dated August 31, was admitted to probate on October 12, 1773. He left his farm on the Saco River in Biddeford to his sons Robert and John, who were named executors. Also to the sons were given two-fifths of the land at Deerwander which belonged to his deceased son James, his salt marsh at Leighton's Point, one-half of his interest in the saw-mill at the falls in Biddeford, two cows, a horse and all of his clothes. To his beloved daughters Lydia and Susanna, two-thirds of the Weare's landing land in Pepperellboro, bought from William Neck, all his right in the grist-mill on the western side of Saco River, the other half of his interest in the saw-mill in Biddeford, all of his household goods, four cows, two-fifths of the land at Deerwander, that part of "my old homestead farm which lies next to Thomas Emery's land" and pasturage and wood-cutting privileges. To his beloved daughter Jane, one-fifth of the Deerwander land and one-

* York Deeds, 17: 37.
† York Deeds, 26: 46; 29: 226.
‡ York Deeds, 27: 183; 32: 210.
§ York Deeds, 27: 190.
|| *New Hampshire Gazette,* issue of Oct. 1, 1773.

third of the land in Pepperellboro. Witnesses: Moses Morrill, Simon Wingat, Paul Junkins.*

Children:

i. JANE, b. about 1717; m. in Biddeford July 28, 1743, John Gray; d. in 1810, aged 93.

ii. JOHN, bapt. in Wells Aug. 6, 1721; d. young.

iii. ELISHA, bapt. in Wells May 31, 1724; d. young.

iv. SUSANNA, b. about 1725; d. in Biddeford March 9, 1813, aged about 88, unmarried.

v. JAMES, b. about 1730. In 1755 he bought from his brother-in-law John Gray one-eighth of a saw-mill in Biddeford "above the ruins of the old fort," calling himself yeoman, and in 1759 he sold half of his interest in the mill to his father who on the same day deeded him the fifty-acre farm on the east bank of the river which he had held since 1726. In partnership with Gray and Thomas Donnell he embarked on a heavy speculation in 1760, buying from Thomas Hichborn *et als.* a tract of five hundred acres on the Saco River, twelve miles above the lower falls in what was known as Deerwander. The three grantees divided this tract in 1764. He d. Aug. 3, 1770, "aged 40 odd," "by a Fall under the Mill in Biddeford, laid 2 Days & ½ Senseless."† He was apparently a bachelor. His brothers Robert and John were appointed administrators on Dec. 11, 1770, James being described as a mariner. They brought in an inventory of £506, including his interest in the saw-mill, his fifty acre farm with a house and barn thereon, and his share in the Deerwander purchase, then estimated at four hundred and twenty-nine acres. Some real estate was sold to discharge debts, among the creditors being his uncle, William Patten of Boston.‡

vi. LYDIA; living in Boston in 1770 when she received a legacy from her uncle William Patten; joined with sister Susanna in the sale of two-thirds of one hundred and twenty acres to Thomas Sinnott in 1784; with sisters Jane Gray and Susanna Patten and brother Robert, sold portions of the Deerwander acreage in 1799; d. before 1802, unmarried.§

2. vii. ROBERT, b. June 21, 1732.

viii. CAPT. JOHN; m. after Oct. 1759, Hannah (Means) Harmon, widow of Nathaniel Harmon of Scarborough; drowned in wreck of sloop *Judith* off Marshfield, Mass., in 1783, *s.p.;* widow Hannah Patten d. in Buxton, where she had lived with her son Maj. Thomas Harmon, Nov. 19, 1823. In partnership with his brother Robert he purchased property in Pepperellborough in 1765 and 1772, and was deeded land and one-sixteenth of the saw-mill in the same town by their father. They also bought land in Bowdoinham and Pownalborough. He was a legatee of his uncle, William Patten of Boston, in 1770. On Nov. 26, 1778, Capt. John Patten's slave Chloe married Capt. Benjamin Hooper's Cato. His brother Robert was appointed administrator of his estate in Oct. 1783, the inventory amounting to £529. Land in Biddeford, encumbered by legacies to his sisters Lydia and Susanna from their father, was sold in 1786 to Joseph Hill to pay debts.‖

* York Probate, 12: 259.

† Pepperellborough First Church records.

‡ York Deeds, 34: 179; 35: 237, 239; 37: 113; 39: 66; 43: 75; 47: 97; York Probate, No. 14617.

§ York Deeds, 51: 240; 63: 112; 70: 106.

‖ York Deeds, 34: 274; 40: 294; 45: 193; 52: 142; York Probate, No. 14621.

2. Robert[2] Patten (*Matthew*[1]) was born in Biddeford June 21, 1732. He was over fifty when he married Susanna Goodwin on May 8, 1784, and there is no evidence in the town records or in his very numerous deeds that he had a previous wife. He died March 14, 1819, aged eighty-four.* Mrs. Patten, who was born July 29, 1764, died May 4, 1841, aged seventy-seven, of consumption, in Portland.

In deeds he is called mariner, trader, merchant, yeoman and gentleman, and in 1808 he must also have been a ship-builder as there is a record of his having a nearly completed vessel on the stocks. In 1778 he was a member of Capt. Nason's train band. Most of his very active life seems to have been occupied with real estate, however, and, while his brother John lived, they operated in partnership. They began by buying one hundred acres in Pownalborough (Woolwich) from Ebenezer and Alexander Gray and seventy-four acres in Bowdoinham from Aaron Hinkley in 1762 and 1763.† As this was the time of the settlement of their Arundel and Saco cousins in Topsham, it is possible that Robert and John also contemplated moving to the Kennebec region, but, if so, they changed their plan and remained in Biddeford, but it was not until 1791 that Robert sold the Bowdoinham land.‡ Beside picking up small lots in Biddeford, Saco and Brownfield, they had great acreages to dispose of after the deaths of their brother James in 1770 and their father in 1773.

In the diary of Matthew Patten of Bedford, New Hampshire, a valuable document begun in 1754 and ended in 1790, Robert Patten is twice mentioned. On January 16, 1779, Matthew Patten says "we had a far out cousin come from Saco to see us," and three months later, on April 25, there is an entry "Mr. Wheeler preached in Bedford he came on the 22d by recommendation from my friend Robt Patten of Bideford." Possibly they knew the degree of their cousinship, or it may have been a vague relationship based on their common name and Ulster origin.

Some of Patten's land transactions are difficult to follow. On March 2, 1786, he deeded a two hundred acre tract to Josiah Hill, who deeded it back to him on March 22, but in 1787 it was again conveyed to Hill encumbered with Matthew Patten's legacies to his daughters Lydia and Susanna.§ In 1799 he and his sisters, widow Jane Gray and the two spinsters, Lydia and Susanna, began selling in Phillipsburg (now Dayton and Hollis),‖ and in

* *Weekly Visitor.*
† Lincoln Deeds 3: 30; 4: 204.
‡ Lincoln Deeds, 27: 232.
§ York Deeds, 49: 85; 52: 142.
‖ York Deeds, 63: 112.

1802, Lydia having died, the other three petitioned for a division of their Phillipsburg estate.* Caesar Patten, who witnessed the 1799 deed, was a family slave.

After 1803 the sales became very frequent and one suspects that Patten was hard pressed for money, for in 1808 begins a series of executions against him which were satisfied by his vessel on the stocks at Biddeford and the sale of small tracts of land. He conveyed the unsold balance of the Deerwander property to his sons John and Nathaniel in 1808, sold a share in a saw-mill to Samuel Pierson and mortgaged land to Jotham Perkins.† More executions followed in 1809 and 1810, and after mortgaging his home farm on the Winter Harbor road to Ichabod Fairfield,‡ he was so involved that he conveyed away his equity of redemption in two small lots to Samuel Hill and Dr. John Allen. His last deeds were to his son John Patten, merchant, of Arundel, in 1812 and 1814, of what appears to be his house (and presumably his father's) with no explanation of why the process was repeated.§ Probably he and his widow spent their last days with this son.

Children¶

i. Polly, b. Aug. 11, 1784; d. July 22, 1784 (*sic*).
ii. Peggy, b. Aug. 11 (*sic*), 1785; d. Aug. 2, 1785 (*sic*).
3. iii. John, b. June 22, 1787.
iv. Mehitable, b. Nov. 29, 1789; m. in Arundel Dec. 24, 1816, Joseph Perkins, Jr.; d. Aug. 27, 1830.
v. Polly, b. Feb. 15, 1792; m. Nov. 24, 1818, Thomas Mayer; d. Nov. 3, 1820.
vi. Nathaniel, b. Nov. 3, 1794; a student at Saco Academy in 1814; a mariner of Saco in 1825;** lost at sea in 1828, apparently unmarried.
vii. Fanny, b. Dec. 25, 1797; m. (1) Sept. 15, 1816, Thomas Harmon who d. May 12, 1817; m. (2) June 6, 1825, Joseph G. Cole; d. Oct. 1840, at Newburyport.
viii. Isabel, b. March 3, 1801; d. May 12, 1801.
ix. Betsey, b. Dec. 27, 1802; m. Oct. 10, 1824, Alvah Josselyn; d. Nov. 4, 1827, in Freeport.††

3. Capt. John[3] Patten (*Robert*,[2] *Matthew*[1]) was born in Arundel June 22, 1787. He married Olive Lassell, daughter of Israel and Abigail (Hill) Lassell of Biddeford, in August (or June 10), 1807. He was an inn-keeper, auctioneer and merchant in Arundel from 1809 to 1820 when he moved to Portland where

* York Deeds, 70: 106.
† York Deeds, 79: 132, 141.
‡ York Deeds, 83: 80.
§ York Deeds, 85: 166; 88: 279.
¶ Dates are taken from Robert Patten's Bible, now in the possession of his descendant James Sawyer Ward of Biddeford.
** York Deeds, 118: 165.
†† *American Patriot* of Nov. 6, 1827.

he kept a hotel on Middle Street. He died in Portland February 20, 1834, and is buried in a tomb which he constructed in the Eastern Cemetery. His widow, Olive Patten, who was born June 11, 1789, died February 11, 1864, in Biddeford. Her will, made May 3, 1859, left her interest in her father's farm to her grandson John Patten Ward, and the residue of her estate to her legal heirs who were listed as Charles S. Patten, Caroline A. Mudge, Abby P. Ward, Frances P. Haines and Anna H. Patten.*

Children:†

i. Charles Sigourney, b. March 13, 1808; m. Nov. 12, 1844, Ellen Clarissa Brown, daughter of Samuel Silsby and Mary Louisa (Capron) Brown; accountant and pay-master at Water Power Co. (now the Saco-Lowell Shops); d. Feb. 23, 1881, in Saco; his will, made Nov. 10, 1864, left his estate to his widow and named as executor his nephew Charles Glidden Haines;‡ his widow d. Jan. 5, 1901, in Los Angeles.

Children, born in Saco:

1. *Olive Lassell,* b. June 21, 1850; d. in Saco June 20, 1851.
2. *Ellen Louise,* b. May 23, 1852; d. Aug. 25, 1852.
3. *Frances Mary,* b. Oct. 17, 1855; m. Rufus Albert Fairfield Dec. 20, 1876, in Saco. They were the parents of Rear Admiral Arthur Philip Fairfield, U. S. N.
4. *Charles Sigourney,* b. April 24, 1860; a jeweller in Rochester, N. Y., and Boston, Mass.; d. unmarried in Florida about 1935.

ii. Abigail Lassell, b. Oct. 4, 1809; m. July 1, 1833, Horace Ward; d. Aug. 26, 1882, in Biddeford. Ward, in partnership with his brother-in-law Enoch Mudge, owned the St. Charles and Verandah hotels in New Orleans, where he d. of yellow-fever in 1847. Four sons, *John Patten Ward* (b. in Portland Dec. 2, 1834; m. at Dover, N. H., Sept. 18, 1857, Ann Palfrey; d. May 18, 1901), *George Horace Ward* (b. April 13, 1838; d. unmarried July 26, 1868, from malaria contracted in the Union army, having been a captain in the 27th Maine regiment), *Charles Fay Ward* (b. June 26, 1839; dentist; d. unmarried at Biddeford Pool Dec. 22, 1921) and *Edward Ward* (b. Aug. 9, 1840; d. young).

iii. Caroline A., b. Aug. 6, 1811; m. May 9, 1832, Enoch Redington Mudge; d. Jan. 9, 1882. Seven children.

iv. John Eaton, b. Dec. 20, 1812; Bowdoin College, 1832; m. Sept. 15, 1835, Julia M. H. Whittier of Bangor; drowned in the Ohio River April 25, 1838, soon after he had begun to practice law. His widow m. second —— Lumbert, by whom she had two daughters, Ellen Lumbert (Mrs. Parke) and Lily Lumbert (Mrs. Nightingale).

* York Probate, No. 14627.
† The Patten Bible records differ somewhat from the Lassell Bible records. The Lassell dates have been used.
‡ York Probate, No. 14614.

Child, born in Portland:

1. *Ann Hathaway,* b. Nov. 16, 1836; m. (1) in Bangor June 2, 1864, Charles S. Twambley of Saco who d. Sept. 3, 1864; m. (2) in Chicago Aug. 2, 1868, Abraham Levins of Dubuque, Iowa; d. July 16, 1924. Four children (Levins).

v. Frances Isabella, b. April 21, 1815; m. Jan. 14, 1839, Augustine Haines; d. Jan. 13, 1894. Haines was agent of the Laconia mills in Biddeford.

vi. Olive Lassell, b. July 11, 1817; d. unmarried Aug. 8, 1838, in Portland.

II

HECTOR PATTEN OF SACO

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1. Hector Patten is said, by his grandson Robert Patten of Topsham, to have come to America from Dimbo, near Coleraine, in the county of Derry,* Ireland, in the year 1727. He goes on to say that Hector Patten's first wife was named Suter,† and that she died in this country. The information was given to Robert Patten's son John, who committed it to writing, in 1830, when Robert was in his eighty-seventh year.‡ In 1863 John Patten again wrote down his recollections of what his father had told him about the origin of the family, and this account, being thirty years later, is less trustworthy. He quotes the old man as saying: "My grandfather, Actor Patten, was born in Ireland, county of Derry and town of Dimbo, now Belfast, and came to America in or about the year 1727: his eldest son, my father John Patten, being them about ten years old." Belfast is not in county Londonderry but in county Antrim, and it was never called Dimbo. In county Londonderry, five miles west of Coleraine, there is a village of Dunboe, however, which was undoubtedly Hector Patten's home. Later generations added a baptismal name for his wife, stating that she was Pauline Suter.

Hector Patten may have emigrated in 1727, but the first record which we have of him is in Boston, where on May 19, 1733, Hector Patting and Margaret Shear were married. Soon afterward, but whether before or after the death of this second wife is uncertain, he left Boston and settled in Falmouth, Maine, in the south parish which was then called by its Indian name Purpoodock and where there was a large colony of his fellow Ulstermen of Scotch descent. Here he married Mary Armstrong, a widow, and on March 11, 1735/6, when he sold to Capt. Dominicus Jordan the north-east pew in the parish meeting-house he refers to her as "my now married wife."§

By 1738 Patten had moved his family to Biddeford where he purchased from Martin Jameson forty acres of land "eastward of Rogers garden" for £135 on December 15, 1739.‖ He was then called "yeoman alias mason." An agreement laying out highways through this property in 1744 shows his neighbors to have been Jameson, Robert Means, Samuel Banks and Jeremiah Brown.¶

* Londonderry.
† An occupational name, a Scotch form of shoemaker.
‡ See the entire letter from John[4] Patten (*Robert*,[3] *John*,[2] *Hector*[1]) to John[3] Patten (*Robert*,[2] *Matthew*[1]) in the preface.
§ York Deeds, 20: 12.
‖ York Deeds, 19: 331.
¶ York Deeds, 26: 224.

Hector Patten's name appears on the Biddeford tax lists from 1738 to 1753 (always as Hector, not as Actor). In July, 1751, he was in court for not frequenting public worship, and, giving a satisfactory reason, was acquitted. He was, of course, a Presbyterian, and may have been, as his grandson said, an elder of that church in Ireland.

In 1749 his sons John and William left Biddeford and settled on the large farms which they purchased at Cathance Point, in the Pejepscot country, and in 1754 his third son Matthew bought a farm at North Yarmouth. In the following year Hector and Mary Patten disposed of their Rogers Garden homestead to Ebenezer Bran* and, according to tradition, joined Matthew Patten at North Yarmouth, later going with this son to the mouth of the Penobscot, where in township "No. 6," later called Surry, Hector Patten is said to have died in 1780.

Children:

2. i. John, b. about 1717.
3. ii. William.
4. iii. Matthew.
   iv. Mary; m. in Biddeford, int. Nov. 9, 1753, John Rae. They were at Flying Point, North Yarmouth, from 1766 to 1771 and their daughters Lydia and Susanna were baptized there. Their son Matthew was at Surry with his uncle Matthew Patten in 1790.

2. Lieut. John[2] Patten (*Hector*[1]) was born in Ireland in 1717, according to family tradition. He was brought to America by his father and was living with him at Rogers Garden in Biddeford† when he married Mary Means, daughter of Robert and Jean (Armstrong) Means on June 19, 1742. His name appears on the Biddeford tax lists from 1746 to 1748.

In 1749, in partnership with his brother William, his brother-in-law Thomas Means and Gowen Fulton, he purchased from Dr. Belcher Noyes and William Skinner of Boston a tract of land in Bowdoinham known as Cathance Point, lying between Merrymeeting Bay and the Cathance River and containing six hundred and sixty-one acres.‡ The Patten brothers and Fulton settled on this property but Means, who had in the meantime gone to North Yarmouth, sold out his interest to William and John Patten in 1755.§ In 1756 John purchased from Samuel Tebbets of Topsham one-quarter of a mill on Cathance River and sixty-two acres of land adjoining it.‖ The Cathance property was divided between

* York Deeds, 29: 292.
† Later Saco, now Old Orchard.
‡ York Deeds, 36: 16. Cathance Point became a part of Topsham in 1788, but was again transferred to Bowdoinham in 1820.
§ York Deeds, 36: 17.
‖ York Deeds, 36: 16.

the Pattens and Fulton in 1759, a well-drawn map being recorded with the instrument of division.* Lincoln deeds record his purchase of over eight hundred acres in Topsham and Bowdoinham between 1760 and 1785, of which he sold but little.

John Patten was a blacksmith and farmer. He was a lieutenant in Capt. Adam Hunter's company of militia, being so set down in the "alarm list" of 1757. He was selectman of Bowdoinham in 1765, 1766, 1769, 1770 and 1771.

In addition to his trade John Patten built the first ship constructed at Cathance, the *Merrymeeting*, a sloop of ninety tons, and the forerunner of a long series. His partners in this venture were John Fulton and Robert Hunter, and his brother Capt. William Patten was the sloop's master. Later he built the *Defiance* and in 1772 the *Industry*, owned by himself, his son Robert and his sons-in-law Fulton, Jameson and Harwood, and captained by his son-in-law Maxwell. The *Industry* made the first voyage from Bowdoinham to the West Indies.

Lieut. Patten died April 7, 1795, from injuries received in falling from his horse, and on his tombstone appears the following inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Mr. John Patten, a Deacon of the Congregational Church in Topsham, a valuable member of civil and religious society, and an affectionate husband and parent. Dyed April ye 7th, 1795. Blessed are ye dead, who die in ye Lord." A long account of his character, written in the pious language of the times, was composed by his son Robert in 1863.†

* York Deeds, 36: 21.

† He was an honest and industrious man, upright in all the walks and relations of life. He was a farmer and had also the trade of blacksmith, and had a shop on the farm where he employed a portion of his time, and performed the blacksmith work of the vicinity. Besides the business of the farm and shop he was somewhat engaged in ship building and navigation. By industry and attention to business he accumulated considerable property and was one of the most influential and useful members of society in his day. By his example and influence vice was rebuked and virtue and good order encouraged and promoted. He was a man of good appearance. Those who retain a recollection of him testify to his manly form and bearing. They unite also in saying that he was tall and well proportioned, of commanding presence, active and quick in his movements, kind and affectionate to his family, and to all within the circle of his acquaintance. He was not without some share of family pride and hence might appear at times severe in his reproofs of connections who might occasionally wander from the paths of propriety and good behavior. He reared a large and respectable family, "bringing them up in the way they should go" and like Abraham, "commanding his children and his household after him."

He was religious from his youth, having always enjoyed the example and instruction of a pious father, and at the time of his death was a deacon of the Congregational Church in Topsham. As a Christian, he was exemplary, evincing the sincerity and reality of his religion by his daily walk and conversation. He was faithful in the performance of the duties pertaining to the relations of social and religious life. His family was the scene of domestic peace and order, where the worship of God was regularly maintained. He was a strict observer of the Sabbath, and a constant attendant upon the services of the day, although residing some miles from the place of public worship. On Sabbath evenings the children of the family were called together and catechised according to the good old puritan custom. While his religion shone as a light to others, to himself it was a source of constant comfort and support through life, and of hope in his death.

Administration on his estate was granted to his son David on April 17, 1795, at the written request of his widow Mary and sons Robert, Thomas, Joseph and Actor. John Fulton and John Reed of Topsham acted as David Patten's sureties. The inventory of the estate amounted to £2004. Widow Mary Patten died October 5, 1800, aged seventy-seven.

Children:*

5. i. Robert, b. May 14, 1743, in Biddeford.
   ii. Sarah, b. March 27, 1745, in Biddeford; m. Robert Fulton, in Topsham (certificate issued Nov. 23, 1764).
   iii. Jean, b. Sept. 13, 1747; m. William Randall, in Topsham (certificate issued Aug. 21, 1783); d. (Jane) Nov. 16, 1833, in Topsham.
   iv. Mary, b. June 17, 1749; m. Samuel Jameson; d. April 2, 1795, aged 45.
   v. Hannah, b. March 25, 1751; m. in Brunswick June 12, 1775, Capt. Thomas Harwood of Brunswick; d. Sept. 16, 1848.
   vi. Margaret, b. March 18, 1753; m. Nov. 27, 1777, Capt. James Maxwell, in Topsham; d. Jan. 26, 1831.
   vii. John, b. Dec. 12, 1754. While cutting hay in the Sheepscot River marshes in July, 1779, he, his brother William and his brothers-in-law Robert Fulton and Thomas Harwood were captured by a landing party from a British cruiser. He managed to escape and d. in Topsham Feb. 5, 1780, *s.p.*
   viii. William, b. June 24, 1757; d. in an English prison after his capture in 1779, *s.p.*
   ix. Dorcas, b. April 24, 1759; m. James Hunter, Jr., July 30, 1784, in Topsham; d. April 12, 1813, aged 55.
6. x. Thomas, b. Feb. 10, 1761.
7. xi. Joseph, b. March 17, 1763.
   xii. Matthew, b. Dec. 25, 1765; d. in Topsham Dec. 21, 1775.
8. xiii. Actor, b. Jan. 15, 1767.
9. xiv. David, b. Oct. 24, 1769.

3. Capt. William[2] Patten (*Hector*[1]) married Eleanor McFarland, daughter of James McFarland of Brunswick, the intention being recorded in Biddeford in August, 1749. She was living in 1769,† and the date of her death is not recorded. Capt. Patten's second wife, Hannah ——, survived him.‡

The year of his first marriage marks his removal to Bowdoinham, where, as has been stated in the account of his brother John, he bought a large tract of land at Cathance Point. Later purchases included one-eighth of a water-power and saw-mill on Cathance stream from Stephen Gatchell in 1757, Lot 46 at Topsham from Belcher Noyes in 1761, George Island of about fourteen acres in the narrows of the Androscoggin River from John Minot

* The date given for marriage of members of the family living in Topsham is often the date of the return of the marriage certificate.

† Lincoln Deeds, 9: 27.

‡ As his administratrix, one of her bondsmen was David Fowler of Vassalboro, who very probably was related to her and whose name may afford a clue to her own surname.

of Boston in 1761, and one hundred acres on the Kennebec River at Bowdoinham from William Wyman in 1769.*

In 1761 and 1762 Margaret McFarland of Brunswick, James McFarland of Bowdoinham, Sarah McFarland, Robert McFarland of Cathance and Charles Proctor, Esq., and wife Margaret (McFarland) of Halifax, Nova Scotia, gave powers of attorney to William Patten to dispose of the lands of his father-in-law James McFarland.†

Capt. Patten was principally engaged in the coasting trade and was also his brother John's partner in ship-building. The *Merrymeeting*, launched in 1768, was under his command. He was a selectman of Bowdoinham in 1773.

Patten died in 1780, and his widow Hannah was appointed administratrix on June 1, her bondsmen being her brother-in-law, John Patten, and David Fowler of Vassalboro. Her appraisal was presented August 19, 1780. The homestead, with house and barn was valued at £133, another house and barn at £30, one hundred and three acres lying between Lieut. John Patten and Samuel Jameson at £146 and the seventy-four acre lot and island at Topsham narrows at £46. There was an immense quantity of personal property, including £74 in notes of hand, £5 : 16 : 0 in pewter, a Bible, a prayer-book and eight other volumes, a desk worth 48*s*., a Delft bowl, silver spoons and 610 paper dollars. "This estate is valued in silver money the old way allowing Spanish milled dollars at 6 shillings." The widow's dower was set off March 1, and she presented her account March 21, 1782. The doctor's bill was £4 : 10 : 0 and that for nursing £2 : 1 : 3. The real estate, other than the widow's dower, was appraised again January 15, 1784, and ordered settled on the son Matthew, he to pay the other heirs, or their representatives or guardians, as follows: to the eldest son James, £77; to John (deceased), William, Robert, Charles and Sarah, £38 each. Hannah Patten had been appointed guardian of Sarah (under fourteen years old) who was undoubtedly her own daughter, September 15, 1783. Robert, over fourteen, chose his brother Matthew his guardian on March 23, 1782, and Matthew was appointed guardian of Charles, under fourteen, on the same day.

Widow Hannah Patten of Bowdoinham quitclaimed her dower in her husband's estate to James Samson March 29, 1785.‡ No further record of her is found. She possibly remarried and left Bowdoinham.

* York Deeds, 36 : 18; Lincoln Deeds, 3 : 4; 3 : 43; 11 : 33.
† Cumberland Deeds, 4 : 110, 111, 114.
‡ Lincoln Deeds, 19 : 118.

In 1833 John Patten, their cousin and neighbor, said that this family was extinct in the male line. Of the six sons, only one married, in so far as records disclose, and he had only one son.*

Children, the first four certainly, and probably all six sons, by his first wife:

i. JAMES, b. about 1750. His name appears as a private in the muster roll of Col. Edward Wigglesworth's regiment Jan. 15, 1777, but his enlistment, for the duration of the war, is dated Feb. 15, 1777. He was with this regiment at Valley Forge and Camp Greenage in 1778 and at Providence in the spring of 1779, but in June, 1779, he was reported "deserted." If he went to Topsham, he was at home at the time of his father's death and rejoined the army immediately thereafter as he had "returned to duty" on June 8, 1780. During the entire year 1781 he was in Lieut. Col. Calvin Smith's 6th Massachusetts regiment, and in a list dated at West Point Jan. 29, 1781, he is described as follows: age 30, stature 5 feet 10 inches, complexion light, hair light, eyes light, residence Topsham. At Brunswick, on Aug. 9, 1784, he signed an order, payable to Samuel Armstrong, on Capt. Howard, agent of the 6th Massachusetts regiment. On July 28, 1783, he sold to his brother Matthew all his interest in their father's real estate.† His death in the West Indies, aged about fifty, was recorded at Topsham between January and June, 1800, presumably *s.p.*‡

10. ii. MATTHEW.

iii. JOHN. Possibly he was the John Patten of Bowdoinham enlisted for the town and mustered as a private in Capt. Nathan Watkins' company, Col. Samuel Brewer's regiment, the return being made in response to an order of Dec. 26, 1777, but Patten and others never joining the company, they were listed as deserters. Surely died *s.p.* between 1780 and 1784.

iv. WILLIAM, b. 1756. He enlisted in the army Nov. 16, 1776, for the duration of the war. As a private in Capt. Nicholas Blasdel's company, Col. Wigglesworth's regiment, he received travel allowance from Albany to Topsham, 380 miles, the warrant being allowed Jan. 27, 1777. He must have had short leave as his first pay account in Col. John Greaton's regiment begins Jan. 1, 1777, the last ending Dec. 31, 1780. In a list dated West Point, Jan. 25, 1781, he is described: age 25, stature 5 feet 10 inches, complexion and hair light, eyes gray, residence Topsham. He sold all his interest in his father's estate to Jonathan Whitney of Topsham Dec. 13, 1783.

* A Capt. William Patten, Jr., of Topsham, whose estate was settled 1813-1816, may have been a member of this family. Administration on the estate of William Patten, mariner, late of Topsham, was granted to Daniel Allen of Bowdoin February 27, 1813. The only property listed in the inventory was four notes, one from Capt. David Patten for $30, dated August 20, 1811, and three from Moses Carleton and Joseph T. Wood in a total of $402. Capt. William Patten, Jr., had drawn a bill on Moses Carleton, Jr., when in the West Indies. The administrator sued Capt. David Patten. In his account, dated February 27, 1813, Allen credits himself for "one day at Topsham in getting evidences of William Patten's age" and "two days at Bowdoinham in getting a bond for bringing up William Patten." There was a small balance left after administration expenses, and among the filed papers is the draft of a document, dated 1816, stating that $98.12 of *Daniel Allen's* estate escheated to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, there being no widow or kindred. It would seem that whoever wrote this paper substituted the name of the administrator for that of the deceased in error. As it would be impossible for any legitimate Patten of Topsham or Bowdoinham to die in 1813 leaving no kindred to inherit from him, it is very probable that Capt. William was illegitimate, the common law holding that only his wife or his own legitimate issue could inherit from a bastard, even his mother being barred. (Lincoln Probate, 16: 45; 17: 103, 190; 19: 44, and filed papers.)

† Lincoln Deeds, 16: 264.

‡ Church records of Rev. Jonathan Ellis.

Whitney apparently conveyed it to Samuel Thompson who sold it to Matthew Patten.* No further record. Presumably d. *s.p.*

v. Robert, a minor in 1780. He was most probably the Robert Patten, Jr.,† late of Topsham, now of Portland, laborer, who was found guilty of forgery in Portland and sentenced to stand one hour in the pillory and pay costs. The forged note for £60 was dated April 1, 1791, purported to be signed by John Dunlap, and Patten used the *alias* "Burden Thornton" in attempting to collect it.‡ One Robert Patten m. Polly Veazie in Portland July 6, 1792.

vi. Charles, b. 1771; drowned on the passage from the West Indies, Feb., 1793, aged 22, *s.p.*§

vii. Sarah, a minor in 1780. On Feb. 20, 1784, her mother as guardian gave her brother Matthew a receipt for £38: 14: 0 in full payment for her share of her father's real estate.‖

4. Lieut-Col. Matthew[2] Patten (*Hector*[1]) was born about the year 1732. He was first taxed with his father in Biddeford in 1753. He married Susanna Dunning, daughter of James and Martha (Lithgow) Dunning of Brunswick, both of Ulster families, their intention being recorded in Biddeford October 20, 1754.

In 1757 they moved to North Yarmouth where he purchased from Jeremiah Powell for £130 one hundred acres in "Dummer's claim," at Flying Point, next to land owned by the Means family, his father's neighbors in Biddeford, and near Maquoit Bay.¶ He remained in North Yarmouth until about 1768, when he went to township No. 6, later named Surry, at the mouth of the Penobscot River, and purchased a large farm. Stephen Hutchinson sold him two shares in township No. 1, each share containing three hundred and seventy acres, together with a farm, house and improvements at Oak Point and Hutchinson's Island in 1768, and from Stephen Hutchinson, Jr., he bought one hundred and fifty additional acres at Oak Point in 1770. In 1769 Elijah Richardson sold him one hundred acres more in No. 1. In 1770 he bought one hundred and fifty acres at Carrying Place Neck from John Webber and one hundred acres at Burnt Point, Newbury Neck, from William Kinch, both lots being in No. 6. In 1772 he bought from William Hazen and Leonard Jarvis of Newburyport five proprietor's rights in No. 6, and when he mortgaged them to Jarvis, then of Boston, in 1785, it was stated that Robert Patten of Boston (Matthew's cousin) was to be allowed to discharge the mortgage, he having bought the rights with Matthew.**

* Lincoln Deeds, 16: 238, 269.
† Robert (*John, Hector*) being Sr.
‡ Supreme Judicial Court of Mass., No. 140181, 140187.
§ Church records of Rev. Jonathan Ellis.
‖ Lincoln Deeds, 16: 264.
¶ York Deeds, 33: 247.
** Lincoln Deeds, 8: 112, 113; 10: 259; Hancock Deeds, 3: 490.

In 1771, called Capt. Patten, he gave a power of attorney to his brother-in-law Mr. Robert Dunning of Brunswick and Mr. Thomas Campbell of North Yarmouth under which they quit-claimed Susannah Patten's right in her mother's dower in James Dunning's estate to her brother Andrew Dunning.* In 1774 he sold to Andrew Flood one hundred acres in No. 6 (the cow pasture and West Brook meadows) which he had mowed five or six years. He was a trader, plying up and down the coast in his vessel and visiting the small and remote settlements. No. 6, before its incorporation, was often called Pattensborough in the land records, and Patten Bay, Patten Point and Patten Ponds in Surry still bear his name.

On January 30, 1776, Matthew Patten was chosen Lieut.-Colonel of the Fifth Lincolnshire Regiment of Massachusetts militia and his appointment was confirmed by the council on February 8th. Col. Patten was chosen to go to Topsham to secure Rev. Mr. Urquhart, a Presbyterian minister, to preach at Surry in 1785.

He sold his North Yarmouth farm to William Rogers of Brunswick in 1778, his wife Susanna releasing dower and his brother-in-law John Rae witnessing the deed.†

Col. Patten died before the census of 1790 was taken, as his widow was then recorded as head of the family. She was administering his estate in 1791, entering an inventory showing large land-holdings in Surry. There was one lot of land on Newbury Neck containing one hundred acres (£17: 10: 0), a lot at the head of Patten's Bay (£15) and a lot on the south side of the bay (£15). Among the personal belongings were a silver watch, a case of nine bottles and many books. He owed his sons John and James £171 and £73 respectively, and their mother conveyed land to them in 1795. His gravestone cost 42 shillings.

In the account book of Donald Ross of Union River (Ellsworth) for the year 1793 appear the names of Widow Patten, Col. James Patten, Robert Patten and a joint account of "John Patten and Bob."

Widow Susanna Patten spent the last years of her life with her sons James and Robert in Stetson, where she died August 30, 1810, aged seventy-four years, five months.

* Cumberland Deeds, 45: 439.
† Cumberland Deeds, 10: 369.

Children:

11. i. James, b. in 1756, probably in Saco.
ii. Sarah, b. Nov. 5, 175-, in North Yarmouth.
iii. Jane, b. Feb. 24, 175-, in North Yarmouth; d. young.
12. iv. John, bapt. April 29, 1763.
v. Susanna, bapt. Feb. 7, 1767, in North Yarmouth.
vi. Mary, bapt. at Union River (Ellsworth) Oct. 7, 1772, by Rev. John Murray of Boothbay.
13. vii. Robert, bapt. Oct. 7, 1772, with his sister Mary.
viii. Jane, b. Dec. 24, 1774; m. James McFarland of Trenton to whom Susanna Patten conveyed one hundred acres in Surry on Sept. 22, 1795, presumably as a wedding gift, Jean Patten being a witness;* d. Feb. 21, 1832.

5. Capt. Robert[3] Patten (*John*,[2] *Hector*[1]) was born in Biddeford May 14, 1743. When he was six years old his father moved to Bowdoinham, where, after his marriage to Margaret Hunter of Topsham on December 19, 1768, Robert settled on a farm at the end of Cathance Neck, known as Patten's Point, his father deeding him one hundred and forty acres of his original purchase in 1776.†

Robert Patten was a builder and commander of ships. In his yard at Patten's Point the following twelve vessels were launched, and of them he acted as captain of the *Peggy*, the *Minerva*, the *Topsham* and the *Venus*.

1783	schooner	*Industry*	94 tons
1785	sloop	*Friendship*	89 tons
1795	schooner	*Peggy*	100 tons
1796	schooner	*Orange*	119 tons
1797	brig	*Minerva*	128 tons
1799	schooner	*Susanna*	93 tons
1800	brig	*Topsham*	99 tons
1800	schooner	*Lark*	108 tons
1802	schooner	*Mercury*	105 tons
1804	schooner	*Venus*	106 tons
1805	sloop	*Lucinda*	81 tons
1811	brig	*Comet*	187 tons

He was a selectman of Bowdoinham in 1779, 1780, 1782, 1783 and 1784.

From a memoir written by his son John come the following quotations: "Besides the management of the farm, he built during his lifetime a number of vessels, and was always more or less engaged in navigation. In his business concerns and in his endeavors to accumulate property it seems that Providence did

* Hancock Deeds, 3: 502.
† Lincoln Deeds, 12: 10.

not always favor him, for, while he met with much success, he also met with many losses. He was interested in six vessels which were lost during his business life. Of one of these he was sole owner; of others part owner only. Twice he suffered the loss of his dwelling house by fire. Yet notwithstanding these serious checks to his prosperity he succeeded in maintaining himself through life in good circumstances as to property, and died possessed of a considerable estate. The first chaise introduced and used in Topsham was owned by him. A few weeks of schooling were all that he enjoyed when he was young. Yet, by his own occupation, and what aid he might receive from members of the family, he acquired a decent education for that day. When about the age of thirty he was chosen Captain of the militia company by his fellow citizens. His commission was from the King's Council of Massachusetts Bay and was dated June 2nd, 1776, before the declaration of our national independence. He was about medium size and stature, of light complexion, having blue eyes and brown hair."

Capt. Patten's recollections provided the material for his son John's letter of 1830, dealing with the family origins. Margaret (Hunter) Patten died June 25, 1831, aged eighty-four. Capt. Patten died March 14, 1841, aged ninety-seven.

His will, dated December 9, 1837, was proved August 23, 1841, and names his son John executor. To William Hunter, husband of my eldest daughter Mary Hunter, deceased, two-fifths of the home place of John Hunter, deceased, provided he pay to his son Robert Hunter $50. and to his daughter Nancy Whitney $50. To James H. Peterson, Cordis Butterfield, Robert P. Butterfield, Harriet, Louisa and Margaret Butterfield, children of my second daughter Jane Butterfield. To my third daughter Susanna Rogers and her husband John Rogers. To my youngest daughter Margaret Adams and her husband Francis Adams. To Sally Patten, widow of my eldest son William Patten, and to her children Alfred Patten, Robert Patten and Margaret Young. To my second son Adam Patten. To my youngest son John Patten.*

Children, born in Topsham:

i. Mary, b. Sept. 27, 1768; m. May 24, 1787, Capt. William Hunter.
ii. Jane, b. June 6, 1772; m. (1) March 21, 1799, Capt. James Peterson of Bath; m. (2) Feb. 11, 1806, Capt. Abraham Butterfield of Charlestown and Machias.
iii. Susan, b. May 15, 1774; m. Aug. 29, 1799, Capt. John Rogers, Jr.
iv. Capt. William, b. Feb. 16, 1776; m. in Bath Feb. 6, 1800, Sally (Winchell) Fulton, widow of Capt. John Fulton, who d. Aug. 5, 1868; he d. April 27, 1821, aged 45. His widow, Sarah Patten, was

* Lincoln Probate, 50: 134.

appointed administratrix of his estate May 9, 1821.* He had been captain of his father's sloop *Susanna* in 1799 and his brig *Comet* in 1811 and owned and commanded the schooner *Margaret,* 120 tons, in 1816. The brig *America,* 135 tons, owned by Peleg Tallman, was under command of a Capt. William Patten in 1807, but there is a possibility that this was Capt. William Patten, Jr. (See note on p. 18.)

Children:

1. *Capt. Alfred;* m. Maria ——; drowned Jan. 25, 1847, while in command of the bark *Dudley,* 247 tons, owned by William Purrington of Bowdoinham. He was survived by his widow, Maria R. Patten, and two minor children, Cornelia Gray Patten (b. May 12, 1836, in Bowdoinham) and Alfred P. Patten (b. Nov. 11, 1838, in Bowdoinham). William Purrington was named to administer his estate Aug. 16, 1847.†
2. *Capt. Robert,* b. July 14, 1812; m. at Bowdoinham Nov. 30, 1837, Beulah Foster Purrington who d. in Denver, Colorado, June 27, 1889; d. July 20, 1855; 6 children recorded in Brunswick. In 1845 he was in command of William Purrington's ship *Robert Patten,* 376 tons, and in 1849 of Purrington's ship *Marathon,* 485 tons, and was possibly that Capt. Robert Patten who commanded the ship *Civilian,* built at Richmond and owned by H. Springer of Hallowell, in 1854.
3. *William;* d. before 1837, when his grandfather made his will.
4. *Margaret;* m. Levi Young before 1837.

v. Adam, b. May 7, 1779; m. July 27, 1806, Hannah Small who d. Dec. 4, 1850, aged 71 years, 2 months; he d. Jan. 8 or 9, 1856. He was a farmer in Bowdoinham and also kept the tavern known as "The Bunch of Grapes," the sign of which, brought from Boston and carved from hardwood in three dimensions, is still in existence.

Children, born in Bowdoinham:

1. *Gilbert,* b. June 28, 1807; d. Aug. 12, 1812.
2. *Henry,* b. July 24, 1808; d. March 21, 1848.
3. *Mary L.,* b. April 16, d. April 26, 1810.
4. *Robert,* b. April 24, 1811; d. April 5, 1812.
5. *Adelaide,* b. Jan. 17, 1813; d. April 11, 1814.
6. *Lucy Ann,* b. April 20, 1815; m., int. April, 1856, Harvey Haley of Topsham.
7. *Francis S.,* b. Feb. 16, 1817; m., int. Nov. 1, 1845, Julia Ann Bradford of Poland; ship carpenter; d. in Bath March 2, 1898. His widow d. April 22, 1901. Their son Horatio O. Patten d. in Bath Nov. 14, 1915.
8. *Capt. Horatio A.,* b. Sept. 23, 1818; m. Alvicia Small who d. Feb. 13, 1879, aged 58; he d. in Brunswick Feb. 26, 1884. They adopted a daughter, Mary Emma Springer, b. Sept. 20, 1850, d. Oct. 21, 1882, in Brunswick.
9. *John Wesley,* b. Oct. 24, 1820; m., int. March 8, 1848, Sarah Eliza Reed of Poland; d. Feb. 25, 1888. He lived on the farm of his great-grandfather, John Patten. Their children were: Annie Eliza (b. Sept. 19, 1849; m. Alvah James Hildreth July 2, 1874), James Frederic (b. Nov.

* Lincoln Probate, 21: 247.
† Lincoln Probate, 53: 317; 55: 211; 59: 122; 61: 249.

24, 1851; m. Fannie A. Douglass May 27, 1880), Mary Adelaide (b. Dec. 27, 1855; d. May 11, 1864), Helen Maria (b. Oct. 24, 1858; m. John W. Barrett), Sarah Louise (b. July 20, 1860; m. Frank Herrick April 24, 1900) and Lilla Mabel, b. Nov. 1, 1867.

10. *Alexander,* b. June 16, 1823; d. March 17, 1843, at Liverpool, England.

vi. Robert, b. July 22, 1780; d. July 17, 1801.

vii. Margaret, b. Aug. 6, 1781; m. July 20, 1802, Francis Adams of Charlestown and Brunswick.

viii. John, b. Oct. 4, 1785; m. Kezia Adams who d., his widow, April 12, 1878; he d. Aug. 28, 1865. He graduated from Bowdoin College, A.B., in the class of 1808 and obtained his A.M. in 1811. From 1809 to 1811 he studied in the Andover Theological Seminary but did not enter the ministry. After teaching school in North Carolina he entered some mercantile business in Charlestown, finally returning in 1824 to Bowdoinham where he was a farmer and shopkeeper. He served the town in the Maine Legislature in 1832 and 1844-1845. His will was made May 20, 1863. To my son Bardwell Patten, the homestead farm. To son John Lyman Patten. To wife Kezia Patten. To sons Robert Francis and Jarvis Patten. Executor: son Bardwell. The inventory contained a library of Greek and Latin works.*

Children, recorded in Bowdoinham:

1. *Robert Francis,* b. Oct. 12, 1819; m. Phebe Birdsall; a lawyer in Abbeville, La.; d. Oct. 19, 1867.
2. *Capt. Bardwell,* b. Jan. 9, 1821; m. Oct. 21, 1851, Frances J. Meserve; d. June 28, 1890. He commanded the bark *Penang* for J. Patten & Sons of Bath in 1864. Their children were Charlotte Keziah (b. Oct. 15, 1852; d. March 17, 1858), Mary Caverly (b. March 21, 1858), Robert Everett (b. March 4, 1861; m. Oct. 2, 1895, Helen (Sampson) Leavitt), Rev. Arthur Bardwell (b. March 26, 1864; m. Oct. 1, 1896, Kate Howes Ryder).
3. *William Sidney,* b. Nov. 17, 1824; d. June 6, 1845.
4. *Capt. Jarvis,* b. June 13, 1827; m. Charlotte E. Whitmore Oct. 1, 1851; d. May 16, 1888. He commanded ships of the fleet of his Bath cousin George Fulton Patten, having the *Transit* in 1860, the *Italia* in 1863 and the steamship *Idaho* in 1866. He was interested in his family history and while in London consulted the College of Arms about the possible English origin of the Pattens, with what, according to modern standards, were very indefinite results. Their children were Francis Jarvis (b. Nov. 21, 1852; West Point, 1877; m. Oct. 29, 1884, Hattie Bessey), Hortense Charlotte (b. June 3, 1855; m. March 13, 1879, Lieut. John Herbert Philbrick), Anna Baker (b. 1858), Lizzie Barker (d. May 31, 1862), Katherine Kezia (b. March 15, 1864), Gertrude Camilla (d. Jan. 28, 1876), Goldwin Smith and Victoria Mansur (d. Sept. 9, 1874).
5. *John Lyman,* b. March 21, 1829; m. (1) Oct. 11, 1862, Elizabeth W. Purrington; m. (2) July 23, 1874, Sarah R. Hall; d. March 17, 1897. His children: William Sydney, 1864-1866; Wilbur Cyrus; Lena; Thomas Osborne, 1875-1878; Lottie Gertrude, 1876-1877; John Gray (b. Nov. 19, 1882; Bates College, 1906).

* Sagadahoc Probate.

6. Capt. Thomas[3] Patten (*John*,[2] *Hector*[1]) was born in Topsham February 10, 1761. He married March 1, 1787, Katherine Fulton, who died June 1, 1816, aged fifty. His second wife, whom he married April 30, 1822, was widow Jane Pattee, who died May 4, 1860, at Upper Stillwater, aged ninety-one years, two months. Capt. Patten died in Topsham May 20, 1841, aged eighty.

When he was twenty-two, he commanded the sloop *Industry*, 93 tons, built and owned by his father and his brother Robert, and named for the schooner which they had sold during the Revolution. In 1796 he was owner and captain of the schooner *Orange*, 119 tons, which was later captured by a French privateer, and in 1800 he commanded the schooner *Lark*, 108 tons.

There is no record of probate of his estate until April, 1885, when his grandson, Charles E. Patten, was appointed to administer the money which was paid, as a French spoliation claim, to cover the loss by capture of the *Orange*. Division was made, by representation, between three grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Children, born in Topsham:

i. Capt. George Ferguson,* b. Sept. 18, 1787; m. Feb. 5, 1820, Hannah Thomas of Bath, who d. Feb. 20, 1862; he d. Sept. 29, 1869.

His early life was spent in Topsham where he was a builder of small boats and captain of militia, seeing local service in the War of 1812, when British men-of-war were off the mouth of the Kennebec. In 1819 he built his first large craft, the brig *Statira*, 183 tons, and in 1820 he established in Bath the ship-yard which was to make a fortune for himself and his family. Between 1821 and 1865 he built and owned the following vessels:

1821 brig *Jasper*, 222 tons, John Patten, captain
1825 brig *George*, 251 tons, John Patten, captain
1828 ship *Champion*, 377 tons, E. Kelleran, captain
1832 ship *Andes*, 444 tons, E. Kelleran, captain
1833 ship *Palestine*, 469 tons, A. N. Littlefield, captain
1838 ship *London*, 637 tons, James F. Patten, captain
1840 ship *Trenton*, 667 tons, Noble Maxwell, captain
bark *Florence*, 349 tons, William Decker, Jr., captain
1848 ship *George F. Patten*, 778 tons, E. P. Stinson, captain
1863 ship *Italia*, 1019 tons, Jarvis Patten, captain
1865 steamship *Montana*, 1003 tons, J. R. Kelley, captain

In 1833 he took his brother John into partnership and the following are registered under the ownership of the firm of G. F. & J. Patten:

1833 schooner *Ares*, 129 tons, William Decker, Jr., captain
1846 brig *Fawn*, 160 tons, William H. Duncan, captain
1849 ship *Falcon*, 813 tons, John P. Smith, captain
1851 ship *Mobile*, 960 tons, Joseph H. Tarbox, captain
ship *Champlain*, 513 tons, Seth Woodward, captain

* *Ferguson* in Topsham records, *Fulton* in Bowdoin College Catalogue. His maternal grandmother was a Ferguson.

1852 ship *Marshfield,* 999 tons, Joseph H. Torrey, captain
ship *Ariel,* 1329 tons, J. Q. A. Reed, captain
1853 ship *Brittania,* 1000 tons, William Torrey, Jr., captain
ship *Clara Brookman,* 1071 tons, A. G. Higgins, captain
1854 ship *Assyria,* 1363 tons, Abner T. Wade, captain
1855 ship *Caspian,* 924 tons, William H. Trufant, captain
ship *John Patten,* 960 tons, G. E. R. Patten, captain
1857 ship *James F. Patten,* 973 tons, E. T. Woodward, captain
1858 ship *DeSoto,* 799 tons, Samuel G. Reed, captain
1859 ship *Amity,* 798 tons, Abner T. Wade, captain
ship *Canada,* 996 tons, L. Wyman, captain
1860 ship *Transit,* 933 tons, Jarvis Patten, captain
1866 steamship *Idaho,* 1073 tons, Jarvis Patten, captain
1868 ship *Japan,* 1251 tons, S. P. Emmons, captain

Capt. Patten served in the Maine Legislature in 1838-1839 and 1864-1865. He was an overseer of Bowdoin College from 1842 until his death, and president of the Patten Library Association in Bath, of which he and his brother John were the chief benefactors, from 1847 until 1857. His will, dated January 1, 1869, left his large estate to his children and named James T. Patten of Bath and Eliphalet Whittlesey of Brunswick executors.

Children, born in Bath:

1. *Catherine Fulton,* b. Jan. 3, 1821; m. in Bath July 5, 1840, Maj. Wildes P. Walker of Boston.
2. *George,* b. 1823; d. May 30, 1831.
3. *Hannah Thomas,* b. Dec. 27, 1825; m. in Bath Oct. 1, 1844, Jarvis Slade.
4. *Statira,* b. Feb. 17, 1828; m. Aug. 25, 1860, John S. Elliott.
5. *James Thomas,* b. July 4, 1830; m. in Astoria, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1855, Isabel Smith; d. June 1, 1888, at Neyresville, N. C. Four sons: Henry Smith (b. Nov. 25, 1855; m. Oct. 4, 1880, Hattie Bostwick), Frederick Winthrop (b. Dec. 8, 1862; m. Nov. 7, 1900, Jane Armstrong Cox), Edward Clarence and James Merrill (b. July 6, 1867; m. Edith Harrod).
6. *Paulina,* b. May 24, 1832; m. in Bath Aug. 15, 1855, Winthrop Tappan.
7. *Ann Augusta,* b. Oct. 15, 1834; m. in Bath Oct. 31, 1854, Rev. Eliphalet Whittlesey.
8. *George Maxwell,* b. Nov. 13, 1836; m. Frederica Camp; d. in Bath April 10, 1901; she d. in New York Jan. 31, 1908. Children: Capt. George H. (b. May 12, 1860), Hannah T. (b. June 2, 1862; m. Sept. 29, 1898, Dr. Percy Willard Roberts), Frederick Mortimer (b. May 12, 1864) and Katherine Fulton (b. July 14, 1876; d. Jan. 1, 1895).

ii. Capt. John, b. Aug. 27, 1789; m. (1) Oct. 17, 1819, Betsey Bates of Boston who d. Aug. 6, 1826, aged 32; m. (2) in Bath March 26, 1830, Mary R. (Peterson) Turner, daughter of Capt. Levi Peterson and widow of Gen. Dwelly Turner; she d. April 3, 1862; d. Feb. 24, 1887, at the age of ninety-seven.

During the War of 1812 he was mate under his future father-in-law, Capt. Peterson, and is said to have been taken prisoner by the British five times. In 1816 he owned and commanded the brig *Ann Maria,* 153 tons, built in Topsham. By 1821 he had also been captain of his brother George's brigs *Statira* and *Jasper.* In 1824 he owned and was captain of the ship *Catherine,* 313 tons, and in

1826 of the ship *Andes,* 363 tons. In addition to the vessels which he built in Bath and owned in partnership with his brother (1833-1868), he is listed as owner of the following:

1829 ship *Majestic,* 389 tons, Noble Maxwell, captain
1830 ship *New Orleans,* 389 tons, David Patten, captain
1831 ship *Globe,* 418 tons, William Patten, captain
1834 ship *Caspian,* 529 tons, David Patten, captain
1835 ship *Manchester,* 570 tons, James Patten, captain
1838 ship *Delaware,* 661 tons, David Patten, captain
1840 ship *Monmouth,* 728 tons, Noble Maxwell, captain
1842 ship *Halcyon,* 797 tons, David Patten, captain
1843 ship *Louisiana,* 747 tons, T. R. Patten, captain
1844 ship *Maine,* 749 tons, A. N. Littlefield, captain
1846 ship *Italy,* 749 tons, John O. Baker, captain

In 1860 he formed a partnership with his sons, called John Patten & Sons, for ship-building, and the following are recorded as property of this firm:

1860 ship *Fawn,* 874 tons, R. P. Manson, captain
1862 ship *Hudson,* 999 tons, J. P. Potter, captain
1863 ship *Moravia,* 1045 tons, Charles E. Patten, captain
1864 bark *Parsee,* 558 tons, J. O. Baker, captain
1864 bark *Penang,* 583 tons, B. Patten, captain
1868 ship *India,* 1294 tons, Lincoln Patten, captain
1869 ship *Nimbus,* 1302 tons, J. R. Kelley, captain

Two ships were registered as owned by John and G. E. R. Patten:

1875 ship *Astoria,* 1394 tons, John R. Kelley, captain
1876 ship *Alameda,* 1474 tons, Henry R. Otis, captain

Capt. Patten was mayor of Bath in 1851-1852, represented the city in the Maine Legislature and was prominent in all banking, business and charitable activities. His estate was administered by his grandson John O. Patten and his grandson-in-law Richard Goodwin in 1887.*

Children, by first wife:

1. *Capt. Thomas Rogers,* b. in Boston May 3, 1821; m. in Pittston Sept. 29, 1844, Caroline E. Cooper; d. March 23, 1847, aged 26.
2. *Capt. Gilbert Elbridge Russell,* b. Feb. 28, 1823 in Boston; m. Nov. 24, 1859, Emma Maria Owen; d. in Bath Jan. 12, 1882. He was captain of his father's ship *Halcyon* when he was twenty-two, captain of the newly-launched ship *John Patten* in 1855, and his father's partner in

* There was another John Patten of Bath, a contemporary of Capt. John Patten, but of no known relationship to him.

John Patten, born in Ireland about 1767, came to America and married Lucy Peterson of Duxbury. He was a painter by trade. While he may have been a relative of the Maine Pattens, his wife's connection with the Petersons of Bath was possibly the reason for his coming there from Duxbury about 1820. He died in Bath Oct. 26, 1839, aged 72 years, his widow, Lucy Patten, surviving until Dec. 3, 1853, aged 83 years.

Children:

i. Catherine, b. in Duxbury March 15, 1805; m. Charles Lucciuni. Mrs. Catherine, wife of Mr. Charles Lucciuni and daughter of Mr. John Patten, died in Bath, aged 20 (*Christian Mirror,* May 6, 1825).
ii. John, b. in Duxbury Feb. 15, 1807; d. in Bath March 4, 1833, aged 26.
iii. Lucy, b. in Duxbury Sept. 15, 1808.
iv. Mary; d. in Bath Sept. 24, 1830, aged 19.
v. Eleanor F., b. in Duxbury in 1814; m. in Bath Feb. 7, 1839, Capt. William Torrey, Jr. (*Portland Transcript,* Feb. 16, 1839); d. in Bath Dec. 11, 1892, aged 78 years, eleven months, her death record giving the names and birth-places of her parents.

the ship-yard. Children: John Owen (b. April 20, 1861; d. April 19, 1890) and Clara (b. Jan. 6, 1864; m. Richard E. Goodwin; d. July 8, 1899).

By second wife:

3. *Mary Paulina,* b. Jan. 8, 1831; d. Aug. 16, 1836.
4. *John Levi,* b. Oct. 23, 1836; d. Dec. 22, 1860.

iii. Mary, bapt. Aug. 2, 1792 (*Polly,* b. June 4, 1792, in Topsham town record); d. Aug. 27, 1792.
iv. Anne F., b. July 13, 1793; m. Feb. 17, 1823, Rev. Adam Wilson of Wiscasset.
v. Paulina, b. April 13, 1796; m. Sept. 26, 1824, William Patten (*Actor, Robert*).
vi. Eliza, b. June 28, d. Aug. 10, 1798.
vii. Capt. James Fulton, b. Sept. 24, 1800; m. Nov. 14, 1832, Sophia Ann (Harding) Young, who d. March 17, 1882; he d. in Bath Jan. 14, 1883. He commanded his brother George's *Andes* in 1832, his brother John's *Manchester* in 1835, George's *London* in 1838 and became a member of the family firm. His two sons administered his estate in 1883.

Children, born in Bath:

1. *Capt. Charles Edward,* b. Jan. 12, 1834; m. in London in 1857, Jessie Jones; d. in Bath June 15, 1903 *s.p.* He was captain of the newly-launched ship *Moravia* in 1863. His widow, who was born in Wrexham, Wales, in 1833, d. in Bath March 5, 1908.
2. *Frederick Harding,* b. May 13, 1838; m. April 26, 1883, Clara Allan Kendrick; d. in Bath July 23, 1889, *s.p.;* his widow d. in New York June 12, 1912.
3. *Emma Reed,* b. Aug. 19, 1843; d. unmarried, March 1, 1876.

viii. Thomas, b. Oct. 18, 1802; d. in infancy.
ix. Mary F., b. March 23, 1804; d. April 30, 1823, aged 19 (gravestone).
x. Statira, b. 1806; d. July 1, 1828.
xi. Thomas Means, b. May 15, 1810; d. Dec. 6, 1816.

7. Joseph[3] Patten (*John,*[2] *Hector*[1]) was born in Topsham March 17, 1763. He married Mary Fulton of Topsham July 7, 1789. He was a farmer on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, which descended to his grandson, George Matthew Patten. On January 4, 1809, he was drowned, with his infant son, near Pleasant Point in Merrymeeting Bay. His widow, Mary Patten, died December 29, 1853, aged ninety-one.

Of his children, Hannah, Matthew, Rhoda and Sarah, minors over fourteen years of age, chose their mother their guardian on September 22, 1809. Jonathan Ellis was appointed guardian of Joseph, John Means, David Fulton and Margaret, minors under fourteen, on October 2, 1809.* David and Theodore chose their brother Matthew as guardian August 28, 1820.†

* Lincoln Probate, 13: 403-4.
† Lincoln Probate, 21: 628.

Children, born in Topsham:

i. HANNAH, b. July 9, 1789; d. May 10, 1814, unmarried.

ii. MATTHEW, b. Feb. 22, 1791; m. Nov. 30, 1837, Susanna (Rogers) Sumner, who d. Sept. 18, 1884, aged 81 years, 8 months; he d. Nov. 23, 1870, aged 79 years, 9 months. He saw service in the War of 1812 and served Topsham as selectman and representative to the Maine Legislature. He succeeded to the paternal farm. Susan Patten, his widow, was appointed administratrix of his estate in Feb., 1871. Her will, dated Sept. 13, 1884, names her grandson, Charles M. Patten, son of her son Noble, deceased, and her only surviving child, George M. Patten. Andrew Curtis of Bowdoinham was named executor.

Children:

1. *Noble Maxwell,* b. Feb. 26, 1841; m. in Topsham Oct. 18, 1871, Amelia Crane; d. Dec. 23, 1874, Humphrey P. Mallet being appointed administrator of his estate in March, 1875; one son, Charles Matthew, b. Sept. 13, 1873.
2. *George Matthew,* b. Oct. 23, 1843; m. in Topsham, int. April 23, 1867, Fannie Lawton Page; d. Aug. 9, 1919; four daughters.

iii. RHODA, b. Feb. 9, 1793; m. June, 1828, Joshua Foy.

iv. SARAH, b. May 20 or 22, 1795; d. Nov. 24, 1816, unmarried.

v. JOSEPH, b. March 15, 1797; m. Dec. 27, 1830, Hannah (Winchell) Hunter, who d. Oct. 16, 1880, aged 82 (gravestone); he d. July 4, 1874, aged 77 (gravestone). He was a farmer and housewright in his native town. His widow's will, dated Nov. 2, 1872, named her granddaughter Alice M. Blake, her sisters Bethia Hunter and Sarah W. Hunter and appointed her brother-in-law Franklin W. Hunter executor.

Children, born in Topsham:

1. *Mary Ellen,* b. Oct. 4, 1831; m. Dec. 19, 1854, Daniel S. Blake.
2. *Arthur Hunter,* b. Sept. 27, 1833; d. Nov. 19, 1852.

vi. JOHN MEANS, b. May 12, 1799; m. May 25, 1824, Charlotte Wing of Vassalboro; brought up by his aunt Katherine (Fulton) Owen at Phippsburg and became a boat-builder, living at Gardiner, Waldoboro and at Charlestown, Mass.; his wife d. Feb. 9, 1858, in Waldoboro; he d. at the home of his brother David at Topsham Aug. 30, 1875.

Children:

1. *David,* b. Feb. 5, 1825; d. at Staten Island, N. Y., 1893.
2. *Esther,* b. Sept. 11, 1826; d. at Waldoboro May 22, 1848.
3. *Nelson,* b. March 4, 1828; d. at Waldoboro April 9, 1853.
4. *Joseph,* b. March 24, 1830; m. (1) in Portland, Dec. 7, 1865, Sarah Elizabeth Fales; m. (2) in Woburn, Mass., Oct. 2, 1878, Isabel Moulton; d. at Taunton, Mass., May 13, 1895.
5. *Elvira,* b. Oct. 23, 1831; d. at Waldoboro June 28, 1847.
6. *Horace,* b. May 6, 1833; d. Sept. 7, 1836.
7. *Jason Otis,* b. Feb. 18, 1835; d. at Whistler, Alabama.
8. *Charlotte Jane,* b. Feb. 10, 1837; d. in 1863.

9. *Isaac Reed,* b. Jan. 1, 1840; m. Diana M. S. Johnson of Upton, Mass.; killed in the Battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864.
10. *Verona,* b. March 15, 1843; d. March 18, 1868.
11. *Emily Elena,* b. Feb. 18, 1846; d. April 24, 1848.
12. *Albion,* b. June 17, 1848; d. Sept. 17, 1848.
13. *Mary Ella,* b. Feb. 23, 1850; m. Sept. 3, 1872, Rev. George A. Crawford, of Waldoboro and Boston.

vii. David Fulton, b. June 8, 1801; m. (1) Jan. 1, 1829, Thankful Hopkins of Brunswick who d. Dec. 13, 1834; m. (2) Dec. 25, 1843, Rebecca Pike Dyer of Harpswell who d. Aug. 7, 1878, aged 56; d. March 29, 1882, aged 80.

Children, by first wife:

1. *Samuel Hopkins,* b. June 9, 1830, in Brunswick; d. June 26, 1830.
2. *Mary Elizabeth,* b. May 19, 1832; d. June 13, 1832.

By second wife:

3. *Melinda Ellen,* b. Jan. 8, 1845, in Harpswell; m. Oct. 30, 1883, Samuel Perkins Quint.
4. *Andrew Weendon,* b. May 1, 1847; d. July 24, 1882, while mate of the ship *Florida.*

viii. Daniel W., b. June 29, 1803; d. Mar. 31, 1835, unmarried.

ix. Theodore, b. Sept. 17, 1805; m. Oct. 9, 1831, Ruth Stinson who d. April 16, 1887, in Richmond; he d. in Richmond March 12, 1883. He was a blacksmith, living at one time or another in the river towns of Topsham, Brunswick, Gardiner, Hallowell and Richmond. Ruth Patten's will, dated Sept. 24, 1878, mentions her husband, her sons Albert and Stinson and her daughters Frances Tebbetts and Henrietta, the latter being named executrix.

Children:

1. *Albert George,* b. July 8, 1833; m. in Hallowell Oct. 16, 1859, Octavia White; d. March 18, 1883, in Chelsea, Mass.
2. *Frances Caroline,* b. Dec. 22, 1834; m. Nov. 25, 1852, Ambrose J. Tebbetts.
3. *David Stinson,* b. July 12, 1837; m. Sept. 28, 1870, Roxana Barton; d. Dec. 16, 1900.
4. *Alice May,* b. Aug. 4, 1840; d. in Richmond May 13, 1865.
5. *Henrietta Florella,* b. Dec. 4, 1850; m. May 1, 1884, Albert Bird Kidder of Richmond.

x. Margaret, b. Sept. 17, 1805; d. Feb. 29, 1828, unmarried.

xi. Maxwell, b. Jan. 10, 1807; d. March 21, 1809.

xii. ——, an infant son, drowned with his father, aged 2 months, 1 day, Jan. 4, 1809.

8. Actor[3] Patten (*John,*[2] *Hector*[1]) was born in Topsham January 15, 1767. He married in Topsham February 4, 1796, Anna Hunter, who died August 11, 1853, aged seventy-nine. He died in Bowdoinham August 21, 1855, aged eighty-eight.

He was a farmer, living in Bowdoinham. In 1806 he owned the newly-launched brig *Mary*, 167 tons, commanded by Benjamin Snow.

Three of his children were baptized in the church at Dresden, 1801-1806, his name being twice entered in the records in its original form of *Hector*.

Children, recorded in Bowdoinham:

i. Peggy, b. Dec. 1, 1796; m. Dec. 18, 1822, Capt. John Fulton.
ii. Alexander Lithgow, b. Jan. 5, 1799; d. July, 1824, unmarried.
iii. Freeman Parker, b. Jan. 28, 1801; m. (1) June 10, 1828, Mary Stone of Scarborough who d. April 10, 1844; m. (2) in Topsham June 23, 1845, Elizabeth Hildreth who d. Dec. 11, 1866, aged 65; he d. Nov. 13, 1882. He lived in Gardiner where he was engaged in the lumber business.

Children, by first wife, born in Gardiner:

1. *Actor,* b. Aug. 15, 1829; d. in Gardiner June 15, 1831.
2. *Mary Stone,* b. Aug. 28, 1831; m. Sept. 30, 1851, Augustus Hopkins.
3. *Huldah Stone,* b. Aug. 29, 1835; d. in Gardiner Jan. 15, 1865, unmarried.
4. *Freeman Parker,* b. Oct. 13, 1838; d. in infancy.

By second wife:

5. *Freeman,* b. June 4, 1846; m. Oct. 9, 1880, Susan B. Mitchell. After a successful business career in the west he returned to Gardiner and was mayor of the city 1899-1900.

iv. Nancy, b. June 15, 1803; d. Nov. 16, 1839, unmarried.
v. Rufus, b. Nov. 15, 1805, in Dresden; m. April 2, 1835, Susan Merrill who d. June 10, 1890 (gravestone) or 1891 (*The Brunswick Telegraph*); he d. Oct. 15, 1896. He was a carpenter and builder, living in Phippsburg in 1850 and in Topsham in 1860.

Children, recorded in Topsham:

1. *Abel Merrill,* b. Sept. 19, 1836; d. at sea in Oct. 1862.
2. *Octavius Harding,* b. Feb. 3, 1837 (*sic*); d. at sea in Oct. 1862.
3. *Capt. Oscar,* b. April 3, 1839; m. Lillian (Maxwell) Harding.
4. *Adelia Mary* (twin), b. Jan. 29, 1842; m. Jan. 15, 1873, Capt. George L. White.
5. *Emma Mary* (twin), b. Jan. 29, 1842.
6. *Susan Mitchell,* b. May 14, 1845; m. Nov. 6, 1873, Jesse Franklin Snow of Brunswick.
7. *Sarah Fulton,* b. Aug. 22, 1848, in Arrowsic; m. Oct. 3, 1878, Humphrey Mallett.
8. *Henry Wilmot,* b. Sept. 24, 1850, in Arrowsic; m. Nov. 27, 1873, Fannie M. Quint.

vi. Capt. John, b. Jan. 27, 1808; m. Dec. 28, 1837, Mary Purington who d. May 26, 1874; he d. in Quincy, Illinois, June 9, 1874. His wife is said to have made eleven voyages across the Atlantic with him before he retired from the sea and settled in Illinois in 1867.

Children, born in Bowdoinham:

1. *Capt. James Madison Winchell,* b. Jan. 17, 1839; m. Jan. 15, 1867, Sarah Gray Whittemore.
2. *Nancy Louisa,* b. June 6, 1845; m. Sept. 1, 1866, Col. William Andrew Schmidt of Chicago.

vii. Isaac R. (twin), b. Aug. 6, 1810; d. April 29, 1849.
viii. Jane (twin), b. Aug. 6, 1810; m. Dec. 15, 1836, Joseph Merrill of Topsham.
ix. Penelope, b. Nov. 15, 1812; m. Dec. 23, 1831, Loring Stinson Fisher.
x. Louisa, b. May 12, 1815; m. June 15, 1841, Moses Riggs; d. Jan. 7, 1877.
xi. Albert, b. Sept. 26, 1818; d. Jan. 30, 1820.

9. Capt. David[3] Patten (*John,*[2] *Hector*[1]) was born in Topsham October 24, 1769. He married December 26, 1793, Hannah Reed, Jr., who died in Topsham May 6, 1828, aged fifty-eight. He died in Topsham January 22, 1830, aged sixty.

Of his sea-faring life little is known except that he owned the brig *Minerva* of Topsham, 128 tons, John Fulton master, in 1797, and the sloop *Lucinda* of Topsham, 81 tons, James Todd master, in 1805.

Children, born in Topsham:

i. Mary, b. Oct. 11, 1794; m. March 17, 1818, Capt. George Rogers; d. Jan. 16, 1821, in childbirth, in Topsham.
ii. Rachel, b. July 5, 1796; d. unmarried, March 8, 1858, aged 61.
iii. Capt. David, b. Feb. 10, 1799; m. Sept. 23, 1834, Elizabeth L. Hunter; d. in Bath Jan. 23, 1871, aged 72; his widow d. in Brunswick March 12, 1882, aged 67. He moved from Topsham to Bath and followed the sea, the first recorded vessel under his command being the ship *New Orleans,* 389 tons, in 1830. In 1834 he was captain of the ship *Caspian,* 539 tons, in 1838 of the ship *Delaware,* 661 tons, and in 1842 of the ship *Halcyon,* 797 tons, all of the ships hailing from Bath and being owned by his cousin John Patten. In 1849 he owned the Bath ship *Tempest,* 861 tons, of which his brother Lincoln was master. Capt. David and Capt. Lincoln formed the partnership of D. & L. Patten by 1858, when they owned the ship *National,* 999 tons, Ozias Long, master. In 1864 they owned the bark *Sarepta,* 359 tons, commanded by David's young son, David A. Patten. Capt. David Patten's will was signed Jan. 7, 1868. He left his estate, valued at $20,979, to his wife Elizabeth L. Patten, his son Horace Reed Patten and his daughters Mary Ellen Howard and Hannah Elizabeth Rogers, naming his brother Lincoln and son-in-law Roland B. Howard executors, but by a codicil his son-in-law Charles H. Rogers was substituted for Howard. The inventory shows that he owned $\frac{1}{16}$ of the ship *John Watt,* $\frac{1}{4}$ of the bark *Midas* and $\frac{1}{32}$ of the bark *Nippon.*

Children, recorded in Bowdoinham:

1. *Mary Ellen,* b. June 5, 1836; m. Rev. Roland B. Howard.
2. *Capt. David Albert,* b. Feb. 18, 1839; captain of the bark *Sarepta* in 1864, when he was twenty-five, and d. at sea in 1865.
3. *Hannah Elizabeth,* b. May 9, 1843; m. Charles H. Rogers of Portland.
4. *Anna,* b. Dec. 31, 1844; d. Feb. 27, 1864.
5. *Jane L.,* b. June 23, 1848; d. June 9, 1853.
6. *Horace Reed,* b. 1854; d. Oct. 26, 1876.

iv. Lucinda, b. Aug. 15, 1801; m. July 14, 1823, Capt. George Rogers, widower of her sister Mary; d. Jan. 12, 1829, in Topsham.

v. Capt. Lincoln, b. Dec. 12, 1808; m. (1) Nov. 30, 1840, Mary Storer; m. (2) June 30, 1851, Mary Elizabeth Whitney who d. in Bath May 24, 1866; m. (3) in Brunswick Oct. 10, 1872, Maria (Rogers) Tarbox; d. in Bath Nov. 23, 1900. He lived in Bath and followed the sea, being captain of his brother David's ship *Tempest* in 1849, of the ship *Roswell Sprague,* 815 tons, owned by Trufant & Drummond, in 1856 and of the ship *India,* owned by J. Patten & Sons, in 1868. His will, dated Nov. 24, 1879 (twenty years before his death), names his wife Maria Patten legatee and executrix, and directs that on her death the estate be divided between his two children Frank W. Patten and Mary S. Patten and his wife's daughter by a former marriage, Mary Tarbox, without distinction.

Children, by first wife:

1. *Edward Lincoln,* b. April 10, 1846; d. at Rangoon in 1864.
2. *David Clement,* b. Sept. 29, 1847; d. at Liverpool Feb. 28, 1865.

By second wife:

3. *Capt. Frank Whitney,* b. Sept. 15, 1855; m. June 18, 1894, Charlotte Shaw of Portland; d. in Newbury, Mass., Jan. 19, 1913.
4. *Mary Storer,* b. July 24, 1862; m. in Bath Oct. 14, 1885, William Bevier Mussenden.

10. Matthew[3] Patten (*William,*[2] *Hector*[1]) was born about the year 1752 in Topsham.

Engaged by the town of Bowdoinham, he was mustered into the Continental Army in Boston February 2, 1777, and saw extensive service. He was first in Capt. Haynes's company, Col. Edward Wigglesworth's regiment and remained with it until 1779, having undergone the privations of Valley Forge in 1778. His pay accounts run from January 15, 1777, to March 1, 1779. From this company he went to Capt. John K. Smith's company, Lieut.-Col. Calvin Smith's (6th) Massachusetts regiment of light infantry, and was with it in 1781 and perhaps later. He signed an order, payable to Samuel Armstrong, on Capt. Howard, the agent of the 6th Massachusetts regiment, at Brunswick August 9, 1784.

After his father's lands were legally settled on him in 1782, Matthew Patten sold to Steel Foster of Topsham, shipwright, lots 46 and 47* in Topsham, containing one hundred and sixty acres, bounded by the Androscoggin River and lands of John Orr and Samuel Thompson, also Patten's Island, containing eight acres, lying partly opposite the said land.† His step-mother also signed the deed and his sister Sarah was a witness. On February 25, 1784, he sold to James and Enoch Samson of Bath a lot in Bowdoinham and Topsham containing fifty acres, once owned by his father William Patten and bounded by Merrymeeting Bay, the land of Gowen Fulton and land of his uncle John Patten, also a lot of eighty-three acres in Merrymeeting Bay on a right angle from his uncle John Patten's land.‡ His wife Hannah released dower.

In 1792, calling himself "of Pownalborough," he deeded to Ezra Randall and Steel Foster a small lot of land in Topsham, for £12.§

When and whom Matthew Patten married is unknown, but it must have been before February 25, 1784, when his wife Hannah is mentioned in a deed. In 1797 John Serot, of Bowdoinham, and his wife Sarah, for love and affection and $30, deeded to William Patten of Bowdoinham, a minor, seventy-five acres in Bowdoinham, bounded by the Kennebec River, Major Polezeezkij's|| land and John and Samuel Pitts's land, it being the same land which Serot had bought from George Pouchard, Jr., of Pownalborough in 1789. The conveyance was subject to the condition that William should permit Matthew Patten of said Bowdoinham, husbandman and father of said William, to quietly hold possession thereof during his, the said Matthew's, natural life and to recover the income and profits of the said land. John Serot was a French Huguenot who was living at Boothbay from 1757 to 1789, and it seems very probable that Matthew Patten had married his daughter and that she had died soon after the birth of her children. Matthew Patten quitclaimed his interest in the seventy-five acres, with all the buildings thereon, to William, still a minor, on June 3, 1800, this being the last record of his life thusfar found.¶

* Lot 47 had been the property of his grandfather, James McFarland.
† Lincoln Deeds, 16: 269.
‡ Lincoln Deeds, 16: 263.
§ Lincoln Deeds, 29: 99.
|| Polereczky in Lincoln Probate records. The death of Major John Polerezky, an officer in the American Revolution, aged 80, at Dresden, Maine, is reported in the *Kennebunk Gazette* of June 19, 1830.
¶ Lincoln Deeds, 41: 269; 47: 65.

Children:*

i. William, possibly b. about 1782 as he was a minor in 1797 and 1800, the dates of the Serot deed and the quitclaim from his father, but was old enough to marry on June 22, 1806, in Dresden, Mary Blanchard, both being "of Bowdoinham." He deeded the Serot land to Solomon Blanchard, Jr., of Bowdoinham Aug. 20, 1813.† On Sept. 25, 1826, Nathan Blanchard and Elizabeth, his wife, in her right, William Patten and Mary, his wife, of Richmond, in her right, Theophilus Blanchard and David Pottle and Sarah, his wife, in her right, deeded land to James Blanchard of Richmond.‡ He d. Sept. 10, 1835. She was alive, aged 75, in 1860.

Children:

1. *Adeline*, b. Nov. 14, 1806, in Bowdoinham; d. in Richmond Nov. 12, 1838.
2. *Hannah*, b. June 29, 1808, in Bowdoinham.
3. *Sarah Blanchard*, b. Sept. 17, 1811, in Richmond; d. Jan. 6, 1834.
4. *Samuel Blanchard*, b. March 18, 1814; m. (1) Oct. 24, 1841, Caroline Chase who d. June 1, 1853; m. (2) Aug. 5, 1854, Nancy J. Grover at West Gardiner; d. Dec. 3, 1856, at Richmond.
5. *Warren C.*, b. Dec. 28, 1816; wife Sarah and seven children in the 1860 census; d. July 24, 1861; she d. Nov. 4, 1861.
6. *Eleanor Blanchard*, b. Sept. 9, 1819; m. in Richmond May 20, 1841, George Small, 3d.
7. *Mary J.*, b. Feb. 11, 1822; d. Aug. 5, 1848.
8. *Davis B.*, b. Sept. 22, 1825; m. Nov. 20, 1856, Catherine J. Wilson.
9. *George J.*, b. May 17, 1831.

ii. Eleanor, b. July 13, 1784; m. (1) in Dresden, Sept., 1802, Joseph W. Crawford, by whom she had a daughter Eliza Warren Patten Crawford; m. (2) in Dresden March 10, 1813, Solomon Blanchard, Jr., by whom she had four sons and one daughter; d. in Richmond March 27, 1851.

11. Col. James[3] Patten (*Matthew*,[2] *Hector*[1]) was born in 1756, probably in Saco. He married Hannah Flood, daughter of Andrew Flood, a neighbor of the Pattens in Surry. She died in Stetson October 25, 1818, aged sixty-two. He died in Stetson December 17, 1825, aged sixty-nine.

Most of his life was spent at Surry where his family had settled in 1769, and there he was colonel of the 2d Infantry Regiment of the Counties of Hancock and Washington (1800). His mother, giving him the title of "Esq.," although she named her son John

* On March 25, 1828, in Canaan, Maine, Mr. Warren Patten and Miss Hannah Steward, both of Bloomfield (Skowhegan), were married by Eleazer Coburn, J.P. Their grandchildren claim to be cousins of the descendants of Col. James (*Matthew, Hector*) Patten of Newport. No place can be found in the Newport or Surry families for Warren Patten, however. It is possible that Matthew Patten of Bowdoinham had other children than William and Eleanor and that an unknown son, born about 1786, was the father of Warren Patten of Bloomfield. This is, however, pure guesswork.

† Lincoln Deeds, 84: 179.

‡ Lincoln Deeds, Western District, 1W: 222.

"yeoman," conveyed to him Lot 33 of one hundred acres in Surry in 1795. He also owned Lot 34. Two-thirds of Lot 33 were conveyed to the husband of his oldest daughter, and the remaining third and all of Lot 34 to Philip Jarvis of Castine in 1803.* He also bought one hundred acres on Newbury Neck that year, but by 1804, with his widowed mother and his family he had followed his brother Robert to Stetson, and "of Stetsontown, Esq.," sold the Newbury Neck property to Matthew Means.†

In Stetson he bought land from Major Amasa Stetson of Dorchester, and also acquired a farm in Exeter. The earliest recorded meeting of the voters of Stetson was held at his house October 26, 1812.‡

Children, born in Surry:

i. Susan, b. March 26, 1779; m. Wilbraham H. Swett of Surry, mariner, to whom her father deeded sixty-six acres in No. 6 (Surry) on the north side of Patten's Bay March 28, 1803;§ d. in Surry Sept. 10, 1848.

ii. Mary, b. Jan. 27, 1781; d. before 1796.

iii. Sarah, b. Feb. 14, 1783; m. in Bangor June 1, 1809, John Farnsworth of Stetson.

iv. Hannah, b. March 13, 1785; of Ohio, a small settlement in South Corinth, when she m. William Tibbetts Oct. 21, 1809, in Bangor. William Tibbetts witnessed several of his father-in-law's deeds.

v. Martha, b. Sept. 30, 1787; d. unmarried in Passadumkeag Dec. 2, 1842. Administration was granted to her oldest brother, Matthew Patten, her clothing being divided among three of her sisters, Rhoda Davis, Susan Swett and Mary Ireland.‖

vi. Jane, b. Dec. 14, 1789; m. in Bangor Nov. 15, 1809, Moses Dwelly of Stetson.

vii. Capt. James (twin), b. April 5, 1792; m. Chloe Chadwick who was b. in China, Me. After his father's death he moved to North Newport where he d. Jan. 21, 1835. His widow m., secondly, Atherton Clark and d. Oct. 26, 1856, aged 61.

Children:

1. *John Farnsworth*, b. June 18, 1817; m. (1) his cousin Mary A. Patten who d. Aug. 2, 1842, aged 22 years, 1 month; m. (2) before 1850 Lucy S. Burrell who d. Dec. 25, 1866, aged 38 years, 8 months, 8 days; m. (3) widow Dorcas W. Gilman to whom administration on his estate was granted in 1880; d. June 9, 1880, in Newport; the widow m., third, Stephen Burrell of Corinna.

2. *James J.*, b. Nov. 2, 1818; m. (1) before 1850 Rosella Burrill who d. Feb. 3, 1871, aged 47; m. (2) Phebe A. Clark who was executrix of his will, made May 14, 1888, and proved Nov. 1892, leaving her his entire estate for

* Hancock Deeds, 12: 282, 290.
† Hancock Deeds, 13: 309; 15: 390.
‡ *History of Stetson*, by Lilla Woods Daniels (1931). "Gilbert Patten and his Frank Merriwell Saga," by John Levi Cutler, *University of Maine Studies*, Second Series, No. 31.
§ Hancock Deeds, 12: 290.
‖ Penobscot Probate.

life, with remainder to the Christian Church at North Newport, and cutting off his daughter Lucy J. Gray, wife of Calvin S. Gray;* d. Sept. 27, 1892; the widow Phebe Patten m., secondly, Manville A. Martin and d. in 1919.

3. *Nancy Emily,* b. Aug. 13, 1820; m. in Newport Oct. 31, 1844, Roswell Swett of Surry.
4. *Albert N.,* b. Nov. 19, 1823; m. before 1850 Esther B. Richardson who d. April 3, 1891, aged 64; d. Sept. 14, 1879, and buried in Corinna. Administration on his estate was granted to Alden R. Ireland, husband of his sister, Oct. 1879, on petition of the widow. An only son, Charles E., d. Nov. 11, 1876, aged 15 years, 8 months, and a daughter, Elizabeth, m. Charles Brackett of North Newport.
5. *Eliza A.,* b. Jan. 12, 1826; m. —— Devereaux of Kezar Falls.
6. *Priscilla Ann;* m. Alden R. Ireland; d. Feb. 8, 1891, aged 63 years, 8 days.
7. *Elmira;* m. Eben Foss of Parsonsfield.

viii. Capt. Matthew (twin), b. April 5, 1792; m. Mary Clark who d. Jan. 1, 1881, aged 84 years, 5 months, 18 days; d. Feb. 8, 1876, aged 83 years, 10 months, at North Newport.

Children:

1. *Horatio Nelson,* b. Sept. 23, 1817; m. (1) before 1860 Rachel ——; m. (2) Bethia Seavey who d. Nov. 29, 1888, aged 74 years, 2 months, 28 days; lived in Newburgh or Dixmont.
2. *Isaac C.,* b. May 19, 1821; m. before 1850, possibly a second marriage, Rachel Atwood Brown, who m., secondly, William H. Tibbetts and d. Oct. 30, 1883, aged 61 years, 7 months.
3. *William Clark,* b. June 26, 1824; m. Cordelia Simpson; parents of Gilbert Patten of Camden, Me., the author of the "Frank Merriwell" series.
4. *Joseph Damon,* b. June 19, 1826; m. before 1860 Mary E. Lowell of Dexter, from whom he was separated or divorced before she made her will, Sept. 7, 1863, cutting off her two children, Frank Lamotte Patten and Ada Lavinia Patten with $1.00 and leaving the residue to her brother Edwin C. Lowell of Palmyra.†
5. *Mary Jane;* m. Ripley Burrill.
6. *Susan Velzora,* b. in 1838; m. (1) Josiah Seavey; m. (2) George W. Marsh; d. in 1912.

ix. David, b. April 29, 1794; m. Betsey Ireland, who d. March 24, 1853, aged 53 years, 6 months, 23 days; he d. April 19, 1856.

Children:

1. *Mary A.,* b. July, 1820; m. her cousin John Farnsworth Patten.
2. *Samuel Ireland,* b. June 17, 1822; m. (1) Oct. 29, 1850, Mary A. Stuart, who d. April 23, 1882; m. (2) Esther T. Files; he d. July 27, 1899. He made his will Jan. 25, 1889, leaving entire estate to wife Esther T. Patten for

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life, with remainder to son Byron P. Patten.* Another son, who had had his share, was Albert B. Patten, jeweller, of Corinna (d. June 17, 1890, aged 39 years) and a third was Charles S. Patten, jeweller, who was born in Newport and died in Medford, Mass., in 1886.

3. *David Austin,* b. Jan. 1, 1827; m. Lizzie Forsyth, who d. Nov. 14, 1909, aged 69; he d. Oct. 23, 1889, aged 62 years, 9 months, 16 days. Possibly the marriage of David A. Patten and Elizabeth Hooper at Ellsworth Falls April 29, 1860, is his first marriage, as his nephew believes that he was married twice.
4. *Amanda;* d. June 16, 1853, aged 19 years.
5. *Elizabeth;* d. Feb. 13, 1854, aged 21 years, 6 months.

x. Mary (twin), b. Aug. 30, 1796; m. Joseph Ireland; d. May 28, 1862, aged 66 years, 9 months.
xi. Robert (twin), b. Aug. 30, 1796.
xii. Rhoda, b. Dec. 16, 1799; m. Mark Davis.

12. John[3] Patten (*Matthew,*[2] *Hector*[1]) was baptized at Georgetown April 29, 1763, by the Brunswick minister. He was taken to Surry by his parents as a baby and spent his life there, farming a large acreage. He is said to have married Sally Clark. His wife Sally, whatever her family name, died in Surry December 12, 1842, aged sixty-nine. John Patten died in Surry March 17, 1843, aged seventy-nine.

Children, born in Surry:

i. John, b. June 11, 1797; m. (1) int. Nov. 1, 1820, Mary (Polly) Tourtelotte of Ellsworth who d. Jan. 15, 1831, aged 31; m. (2) April 3, 1833, Elizabeth Davis; lived in Surry and North Ellsworth where he settled about 1844; d. at West Ellsworth May 11, 1861; his widow Elizabeth (Eliza) m. Feb. 19, 1863, Jonah Heath, widower of her sister-in-law Sally Patten, and d. Nov. 26, 1888, aged 73 years, 11 months, 6 days.

Children, by first wife:

1. *Elvira,* b. March 6, d. April 20, 1821.
2. *Sophia,* b. Feb. 4, 1822; m. Oct. 12, 1837, Jonas Green; d. Feb. 18, 1870, aged 48 years, 14 days.
3. *Charlotte,* b. Oct. 8, 1823.
4. *William,* b. Oct. 28, 1825; d. Aug. 1, 1826.
5. *Joseph Warren,* b. Dec. 6, 1827; m. Jan. 5, 1848, Fannie H. Green of Blue Hill who d. Sept. 10, 1872, aged 46; he d. Sept. 4, 1894. Beside a daughter and a son (Flavious, d. Feb. 20, 1856, aged 2 years, 4 months, 10 days) who died in infancy, they had: Capt. John Helman (b. May 21, 1851; m. (1) in Ellsworth Aug. 26, 1871, Hattie A. Higgins; m. (2) in Ellsworth April 1, 1886, Charlotte A. Arvidson; d. April 25, 1924) and Minnie Agnes (b. Dec. 4, 1859; m. in Surry Dec. 8, 1877, Walter S. Leighton; d. Feb. 7, 1932).
6. *Eunice,* b. Nov. 15, 1829; m. Capt. John Davis; d. in 1907.

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By second wife:

7. *Elizabeth A.,* b. July 7, 1834; m. (1) at Ellsworth March 29, 1855, William A. Davis; m. (2) —— Joy.
8. *Emery,* b. Sept. 7, 1835; m. March 25, 1856, Harriet E. Clement who d. June 7, 1916; d. May 3, 1912. They were the parents of Cora D. (m. Royal Tyler, Jr.), Frank G. (1862-1871), Herbert E. (1870-1917), Hiram E. (b. Sept. 13, 1871; m. Oct. 15, 1904, Carrie Merrill), Adelbert (m. April 26, 1906, Mina C. Ray) and Lorenzo J.
9. *Maria,* b. Oct. 1, 1837; m. April 4, 1854, Charles James; d. Jan. 11, 1866.
10. *Leonard Davis,* d. Nov. 7, 1841, aged 14 months.
11. *James Davis,* b. Aug. 5, 1842; m. Jan. 1, 1863, Julia F. Clement who d. June 7, 1916; d. May 3, 1912. They were the parents of Carrie F. (d. Feb. 9, 1881, aged 17 years, 5 days), Bertha F. (m. Joshua Boyd, d. Feb. 6, 1886, aged 20 years, 4 months), Rita J. (d. Nov. 9, 1873, aged 6 years, 7 months), Clifford J. (b. April 16, 1873; m. Dec. 26, 1898, Mary E. Maddocks), Frank L., Mabel (b. March 17, 1879), Irving and Edna (b. April 26, 1884).
12. *Betsey,* b. about June 15, 1844; m. William Leighton; d. in Washington, Me., March 17, 1916, aged 71 years, 9 months, 2 days.
13. *George William,* b. Jan. 15, 1847; m. at Ellsworth July 5, 1875, Linnie J. Saunders; d. Aug. 31, 1917. Administration on his estate was granted to his widow Oct. 2, 1917, the other heirs being a son, George Herman (b. Jan. 28, 1890) and three daughters, Margaret Jordan (b. March 26, 1879; m. Feb. 22, 1902, Alexander Moore McGown; living in Bangor), Lyda M. (b. Jan. 5, 1881; m. Nov. 29, 1906, Harry C. Cronkite of Bangor) and Louise (b. Jan. 22, 1885; m. Fred Marden of Sebec). Deceased children were Gertrude (d. June 9, 1881), W. Alton (d. May 27, 1878) and Berenice (d. Nov. 28, 1910).
14. *Libbeus Davis,* b. July 4, 1850; m. (1) Sept. 15, 1874, Georgia S. Wiggin who d. March 12, 1902, aged 45; m. (2) Aug. 30, 1915, Agnes E. (Johnson) Staples who d. May 8, 1925, aged 54 years, 28 days; d. Sept. 10, 1921. Administration on his estate was granted to the widow and son Arthur Nov. 1, 1921. Two daughters also survived him, Mildred E. (m. April 7, 1906, Roland B. Austin of Ellsworth) and Bessie Leighton Patten of Bangor.
15. *Margaret;* m. (1) Solomon Jordan; m. (2) Hiram McGlauflin; d. May 9, 1932.

ii. Lydia, b. Dec. 11, 1798; m. May 3, 1819, Nathaniel Tourtelotte of Ellsworth; d. May 6, 1829.

iii. Sophia, b. Jan. 5, 1801.

iv. Sally, b. June 3, 1803; m. April 2, 1822, Jonah Heath of Surry; d. Jan. 29, 1862.

v. Ambrose, b. June 25, 1808; m. (1) int. Aug. 3, 1828, Apphia Tourtelotte who d. May 14, 1829, aged 20; m. (2) Nov. 3, 1832, Sarah Dutch who d. Oct. 10, 1869, aged 60; m. (3) Sept. 21, 1871, Mary Smith; d. May 3, 1880, in Surry where he had presumably lived on the ancestral farm, administration being granted to his widow, her sureties being Benjamin Dollard and John Cain of Ellsworth.

Child, by first wife:

1. *Apphia,* adopted by John and Susan Jellerson; d. Oct. 18, 1846, aged 17 years, 7 months.

By second wife:

2. *George A.,* b. April 24, 1834; m. Jan. 1, 1875, Sophia Osgood; of Clear Creek County, Colorado, in 1880.
3. *Sarah E.,* b. May 4, 1836; m. (1) May 4, 1860, George W. Curtis; m. (2) before 1880 Henry H. Phillips; d. July 16, 1922.
4. *Lydia,* b. Sept. 21, 1838; d. before 1880.
5. *Priscilla,* b. May 10, 1841; m. before 1880 —— Haynes of Boston; a widow in 1882.
6. *Ambrose,* b. July 11, 1844; of Clear Creek County, Colorado, in 1880; had wife Eva H. in 1882.
7. *Charles L.,* b. May 10, 1847; of Clear Creek County, Colorado, in 1880; had wife Eva R. in 1882.
8. *Emeline,* b. Sept. 1, 1849; d. April 13, 1864.

vi. Vespasian, b. June 2, 1811; *non compos mentis;* d. unmarried March, 1867.

vii. Nancy S., b. Aug. 17, 1812; m. int. Nov. 2, 1836, Nathan Phillips; d. Feb. 9, 1885.

viii. Harriet N., b. March 21, 1817; m. (1) Dec. 1, 1836, Joseph Green who d. June 25, 1846; m. (2) April 29, 1868, John Atkins Green who d. June 1, 1874; m. (3) Asa Morgan of Morgan's Bay; d. Sept. 10, 1882.

13. Robert[3] Patten (*Matthew,*[2] *Hector*[1]) was baptized at Union River (Ellsworth) October 7, 1772, by Rev. John Murray of Boothbay. He married Hannah ——.

About the year 1800 he became the first settler of Stetson, Maine, building a cabin back of a picturesque ledge, on what in 1931 was known as the Green Demeritt place. By 1818 he had died or moved to some other town as his name does not appear on a Stetson tax-list of that year.

Children:

i. Robert, b. April 13, 1803, the first white child born in Stetson; m. (1) Naomi Ireland who d. May 1, 1864, aged 59 years, 10 months and is buried in North Newport; m. (2) Abigail Tibbetts. The 1850 census shows him and his first wife living in Newport with one son, while in 1860 they were living alone, he a retired farmer. The last years of his life were spent in Bradford, and he is said to be buried in Clinton. A great-nephew, Frank Patten, lived with his widow.

Child:

1. *Robert Alonzo,* aged 18 in 1850; m. Dora R. Poland. He enlisted for the Civil War at Augusta Jan. 4, 1864, aged 32, his birthplace being Newport. In 1864, a private in the 1st District of Columbia Cavalry, he was sick at Portsmouth. On March 17, 1865, he was transferred to the 1st Maine Cavalry and mustered out July 17, 1865.

His wife died in Newport in 1782, her gravestone stating that she was the wife of Rev. R. A. Patten. In 1860, by the census, they had two children, Robert O., aged 5, and Irvin S., aged 3, and another son, Leonard H., 1870-1871, was buried beside his mother.

ii. Susanna D., b. Dec. 12, 1805; m. Joseph B. Damon July 4, 1826.

iii. David S., b. Dec. 31, 1807; m. (1) Lucy ——, who d. May 7, 1846, aged 37 years, 5 months (Lucy R. on gravestone in Bradford); m. (2) Nancy ——. His two oldest children were recorded in Carmel in 1836 and 1841, but by deeds he was of Orono in 1836, of Argyle in 1838, and of Bradford in 1844.

Children, by first wife:

1. *Warren L.*, b. April 11, 1836, in Carmel.
2. *Franklin R.*, b. May 8, 1841, in Carmel.
3. *George H.*, d. March 11, 1845, aged 7 months.

By second wife:

4. *Eliza A.*, d. May 3, 1851, aged 2 years, 1 month.

iv. Daniel M.; m. Lydia Whiting who d. July 23, 1843, aged 39 years, 9 months; he d. July 3, 1846, aged 45. Administration on the estate of Daniel M. Patten of Newport was granted to Robert Patten, next-of-kin, July 27, 1846. The estate was insolvent, but allowances were made to minor children.

Children:

1. *Helen;* m. —— Williams.
2. *Georgia;* m. William Quimby.

v. Hannah J., b. April 29, 1817; m. Eliphalet Perkins; d. March 17, 1879, aged 62 years, 11 months.

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William Patten, traditionally stated to have come to New England with his brother Hector, remained in Boston, where on November 22, 1735, he married Mary Lambert at King's Chapel. Patten went into business as a grocer and apparently was able and prosperous. His premises were in Cornhill where the selectmen gave him their authorization to open his shop in response to his petition dated February 7, 1738. In this town record he is called Capt. William Patten and it is not improbable that he followed the sea before his marriage. In 1740/1 William Patten ("belongs to the Life Guard") was one of the Boston constables, and in 1742/3 William Patten was chosen a clerk of the market. There was, however, another William Patten in Boston at this time and there is nothing to differentiate their careers.*

In 1748 Mary Patten received by the will of her uncle, William Lambert, a wealthy customs official, a silver salver and a mourning ring.

The great Boston fire of March 20, 1760, destroyed Patten's shop and caused him great losses, but did not ruin him as on November 29, 1760, he took over a long lease of two brick buildings in Cornhill from William Payne, the title to the property being in Harvard College, and there he was living and doing business when he died in 1770.

Mary Patten died before her husband, and in his last years her niece Mary Lambert lived with him and kept his house. Unhappily his only child, Robert Patten, was a disobedient and unsatisfactory son, whose whereabouts were unknown when the father drew his will.

William Patten of Boston, grocer, "weak and infirm," made his will August 28, 1770. To my niece Mary Lambert who now lives with me, £70, in token of my esteem for her. To Mary Davis, daughter of Capt. William Davis of Boston, £5. To my kinswoman Lydia Patten, now residing in Boston, spinster, £40. To my kinsman, Capt. John Patten, my clock. To the Rev. Mr. John Moorhead of Boston, clerk, a gold ring and a pair of gloves. To my son Robert Patten, £60 yearly and for every year during his natural life. To the minister, wardens, and vestry of Trinity Church in Boston, £40 for the use and benefit of the church. My executors shall sell and dispose of my garden land at the south

* William Patten from Charlestown kept the "Green Dragon" tavern in Boston in 1714 and was admitted an inhabitant Nov. 2, 1715. In 1733 his stand was on Merchant Row and in 1736 in West Street. He died in 1754.

part of said Boston, also my negro girl named Phillis. Residue to Edward Payne, merchant, and Zephaniah Thayer, upholsterer, in trust for the purposes following, viz: In case my son shall for three years next after my decease behave in a decent becoming manner, then I give and devise the same to him, his heirs and assigns forever, to hold in fee simple. In case my son shall not behave in such manner as to entitle him to this bequest, then in case he should marry and have issue, I devise the same to such issue to hold in fee simple. But if the said Robert Patten shall not by his conduct entitle him to his said bequest, and should not have any lawful issue, than I give and devise the same residue of my estate to and among my lawful heirs. Executors: Edward Payne and Zephaniah Thayer, both of said Boston. Witnesses: Benjamin Clark, Andrew Barclay, Joseph Carnes. Three days later he signed a codicil directing that before the trust set up in his will should take effect his executors should pay all just and lawful debts as Robert should owe to any person or persons. "And further in case my said son Robert be now dead or shall die before me, in this case I order and direct my executors to pay all his said debts out of my said estate before any dividend be made agreeable to said will."

The will was proved and allowed on September 14, 1770, and Edward Payne, one of the executors, entered an inventory of £706: 4: 8 on September 28. Among the items of personal property are the clock which went to his nephew Captain John Patten, valued at £6, a walnut desk, six walnut chairs, a looking-glass with a walnut frame, three mahogany tea tables (one square, one oval and one round), seven pictures, seven maps, one pair of "images," china cups and saucers, wine glasses, decanters, etc., a "floor cloth" (carpet), and books worth £4: 9: 4. There were fifty-one pounds of pewter, and among his clothes a velvet cloak worth 16*s*. and a quilted coat worth 20*s*. Pew No. 92 in Trinity Church was worth £10, and the remainder of the lease of two brick tenements in Cornhill was entered at £426. The executor sold the shop-goods, the household furniture and plate and realized £232.

On January 28, 1774, the executors presented an account. They had paid the specific legacies, three years' ground rent to "the college," had settled Robert's debts, had paid him his annuity for the three years, and it would seem, although it was not specifically stated, that his behaviour had been sufficiently good to pass his father's test and that the estate was turned over to him.*

* Suffolk Probate, 69: 267-270, 290, 292; 73: 378, 379, 381.

Child:

i. Robert. He was a sailor, and did not lead what his father considered "a decent and becoming life." He was bound to sea in 1766 and was in parts unknown in 1770. There are two marriages in Boston records which may be his—Robert Patten and Jane Carter on Jan. 2, 1771, and Robert Patten and Elizabeth Egens on Jan. 10, 1777—but at his death before March 14, 1777, he had no wife or child, so that a marriage less than six weeks previously is highly improbable. In 1776 he had served on the privateer *Diligent* with Capt. John Lambert, probably his maternal cousin. The papers dealing with his estate show that he had assisted his cousin Matthew Patten (*Hector*) in his purchase of lands in eastern Maine.

His will, made Aug. 4, 1766, left all of his property to his "good friend" Levi Gennings of Boston, felt-maker, who was also named executor. Witnesses: Richard Dana, Samuel Swift, John Greaton. It was proved March 14, 1777. The inventory showed nothing but a few articles of clothing and the Harvard College leases, valued at £100. Possibly having served the probationary period of three years of decent living he had reverted to his former life and wasted his father's estate.

In 1801 Joseph Pierce, merchant, of Boston, was appointed administrator *de bonis non* for the purpose of disposing of his interest in the lands in Maine, which were described as "the Tract called the twenty Associates' Land in Common with the other Proprietors in the Right originally Adam Winthrops." In Camden, Hope and on Madornquoog long island there were 216 acres, valued at $216, and in lands lying beyond Hope and not laid out into townships there were 577 acres, which, at sixty cents an acre, made $346.20. Against these assets were presented two notes payable to Hazen and Jarvis and signed by Matthew Patten and Robert Patten on Sept. 16, 1772, on which, in unpaid principal and interest, there remained $2,400 due. The court ordered Mr. Pierce to sell the assets at public sale and he proceeded to do so, placing advertisements in the *Columbian Sentinel* and the *Kennebec Gazette* for three successive weeks in December, 1801. Obviously the estate was insolvent.*

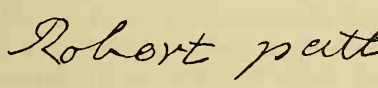
* Suffolk Probate, 75: 473-475; 76: 545; 99: 336, 447, 450, 504-5, 604; 100: 122-3.

IV

ROBERT PATTEN OF ARUNDEL

ROBERT PATTEN

1. Robert Patten, the youngest of the four brothers, according to family tradition, sailed for New England from Coleraine, county Londonderry, Ireland, in 1737 with his wife and infant son Hector. According to one version of the story his wife, born a McGlauthlin, died on the voyage to America, but by another she survived for a few years after their settlement in Maine. Basing judgment on the fact of Patten's first appearance of record in Maine in 1738 and the age of Hector by later deposition, it would seem that we can safely accept the uncontradictory portion of the tradition. As to his wife, the second story of her death seems the more likely, inasmuch as in 1740, when he made his first sale of land in Maine, Robert Patten had a wife Margaret who released her dower.* It is most probable that she was Margaret McGlauthlin.



Robert Patten first appears in Wells, where William Patten was then living and Matthew Patten had also lived for a few years before moving to the Saco River settlements. On September 21, 1738, calling himself laborer, he bought from Andrew Eliot, also of Wells, fifty acres in the neighboring town of Arundel on the northwest side of Saco old-path, and presumably settled in Arundel, which was his home for the rest of his life, soon afterward.†

In 1740 he sold the fifty acres to a fellow Scot, Archibald Dunlap of Wells, and several months later, now a husbandman, bought from Samuel Hutchings, Jr., a hundred acre farm on the road to Saco. A one-third share in Credifer's mill at Kennebunk was his next purchase, in 1744 when he was called a mason, and from then until 1760 he added to his farm by the purchase of small acreages from Benjamin Downing, John Watson and George March.‡

Margaret Patten died in or before 1743, and on December 26, 1743, Patten married Florence Johnston, daughter of an Ulster family which had settled in Scarborough, some twenty miles to the east of Arundel.

* York Deeds, 21: 239.
† York Deeds, 21: 238.
‡ York Deeds, 24: 73; 26: 38; 29: 118; 30: 84; 31: 55; 41: 265.

In 1753 he received a license from the court to keep an inn, and thereafter he is usually called inn-holder in the records.

An interesting transaction, showing the close association of the Ulster Scots in their new homes, took place in 1760 when Alley MacColey, a Scotch tailor and perhaps a friend of long standing, received the grant of two acres from Robert Patten's home farm, his brother Matthew from Biddeford being present as witness.*

Patten continued to buy land in Arundel until near the close of his life, taking fifteen acres from Jabez Dorman in 1764, thirty-seven acres from Benjamin Goodwin in 1767 and twenty-five acres from Paul March in 1771.

Robert Patten, of Arundel, yeoman, died between March 15 and April 10, 1775, the days of the making and proving of his will. To his wife Florence he left one-third of his entire estate, the clock and the largest looking-glass. To his son Actor "all my right and title that I now have in a certain Saw-mill at Topsham where he now lives." To his son Robert "one hundred acres of land where he now lives, also one-third part of my right in a saw-mill standing on Kennebunk River & Priviledges of the same, also one-third part of my fresh Meadow at Brimstone meadow so called." To his three daughters Margaret, Mary and Rachel, "twenty acres of Land apease which land lays at the mouth of Duck brook so called in Arundel aforesaid as may appear by the laying out of the said land; it is to be understood that part of the said Sixty acres of Land Lays on the northeast side of my son Robert's Land & is Bounded on Land of Benjamin Durrel & Benjamin Thompson & also by my son Robert's Land." "My will is also that Rachel shall have so much Household goods so as to Equal with my other two Daughters." To his two sons James and John, "all my estate which I have not as yet Disposed of or given away, Towit Lands, Buildings & Cattle Except my salt marsh & thatch bed which I do give to my son James." Debts and charges were to be paid by sons James and John. Executors: wife Florence and son Robert. Witnesses: Thomas Perkins, Robert Patten, Dummer Mitchell.†

There is no record of the death of widow Florence Patten.

Child, by first wife:

2. i. Hector (usually written Actor), b. in Ireland Jan. 2, 1737, by tradition.

* York Deeds, 36: 124.
† York Probate, No. 14628.

By second wife:

ii. Margaret; m. Israel Cleaves. In 1779 they were of Swan's Pond Falls which later was in the town of Dayton.
3. iii. Robert.
4. iv. James.
5. v. John.
vi. Mary, b. in 1752; m., int. Oct. 12, certificate Dec. 4, 1769, William Wilson of Topsham; d. April 20, 1833, aged 81.
vii. Rachel; bapt. as an adult July 30, 1775; m. in Arundel Aug. 7, 1792, as his second wife, Capt. William Smith.

2. Capt. Actor[2] Patten (*Robert*[1]) was, by family tradition, born in Ireland January 2, 1737, and brought to New England by his parents as an infant in arms. In a deposition made in 1769 his age was estimated as "about 31." In 1761 his father bought for £45 one-half of three hundred-acre lots in Topsham from John Downing of Newington and Enoch Danford of Topsham, originally set off to Benjamin Thomas by the Pejepscot Company, "lying above Brunswick Fort, fronting on Amascoggin River on ye eastern side thereof,"* and settled his oldest son thereon. The young man was surrounded by Scotch-Irish neighbors, including Patten cousins, and on November 20, 1766, at Falmouth, he married into another Ulster family when he took as his bride Jane McLellan, daughter of Hugh and Jane McLellan of Gorham, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Thomas Brown.†

As Hector Patten, he was commissioned captain in Col. Samuel McCobb's regiment (First Lincolnshire Regiment of Massachusetts Militia) on July 1, 1776, and was one of Col. McCobb's captains (8th Co.) in the Penobscot Expedition in the summer of 1779.

In addition to his original holdings in Topsham, Capt. Patten bought between 1767 and 1808, as the Lincoln County deeds disclose, about fifteen hundred acres in Topsham, Bowdoinham, Bowdoin and Lisbon, and several saw-mill shares and rights. Some of the farms he later disposed of to purchasers, but most of them he held until his death or deeded to his numerous children.

Actor Patten died in Topsham July 25, 1816. His will was dated June 21 and proved August 29, 1816. The legatees were his wife Jane, sons Actor, Hugh, Robert and William, and daughters Elizabeth Patterson, Mary Buckminister, Abigail Tate, Margaret Sweet, Rebecca McLellan and Rachel Patten. The widow and son Actor were named executors. The residuary estate was

* York Deeds, 36: 187.
† The intention was recorded in Topsham Oct. 30, and the certificate returned Nov. 18, (*sic*) 1766.

distributed in 1825.* In 1835 all of his surviving children and the children of his deceased son Actor joined in a superb deed, genealogically speaking, when they and their husbands and wives, twenty-two grantors in all, giving their places of residence, sold to John P. Mellen land in Saco which Capt. Patten had bought from Foxwell Cutts in 1807.†

The widow Jane Patten died August 28, 1835, in Topsham.

Children, born in Topsham:‡

i. Robert; d. Jan. 14, 1767, aged four months.

ii. Elizabeth; m. in Topsham January 7, 1789, Benjamin Patterson of Pepperellboro (Saco); he d. in Saco Aug. 11, 1834, aged 72; she was living in 1835.

6. iii. Actor, b. March 5, 1771.

iv. Abigail; m. Aug. 26, 1798, William Tate; d. Jan. 4, 1863, aged 89 years, 6 months.

v. Margaret; m. (1) May 14, 1797, Joseph Sweet; m. (2) Feb. 24, 1820, Noah Melcher of Brunswick; living in Passadumkeag in 1835.

7. vi. Robert, b. about 1777.

vii. Mary; m. (1) Jan. 24, 1803, Dr. Thomas Buckminister of Saco who d. May 7, 1817; m. (2) in Jan., 1822, Dr. Richard Cutt Shannon of Saco; d. at Passadumkeag Jan. 2, 1834, aged 54 (gravestone). Dr. Shannon, Harvard, 1795, d. in Saco April 26, 1828. Before settling in Saco he was a Navy surgeon.

viii. Jane; m. Feb. 26, 1807, Col. Jonathan Marston of Monmouth; he d. Apr. 14, 1849; she d. Apr. 18, 1871.

ix. Rebecca; m. March 18, 1813, Robert McLellan of Gorham, her cousin, and lived in the brick McLellan mansion at Fort Hill; he d. Nov. 28, 1830; she d. Jan. 20, 1861.

x. Rachel, b. July 8, 1784; d. unmarried April 4, 1874, aged 89 years, 9 months. Her father had given her fifteen acres in Topsham in 1812.§ Her will was made Jan. 23, 1864, and names her nephew Charles Tate Patten executor. To my brother William Patten. To Mary Jane Patten. To Mariah Tersa Patten. To Charles T. Patten, my dwelling house in Topsham, near the Baptist meeting-house, he to pay $20. each to William W. Patten, Isaac W. Patten, Robert Tate, Patten Tate, Charles W. Patten and Rogers G. Patten. To Rachel Jane Ellwell. To Hannah P. Darrah. To Maria Tersa Patten. All furniture to be divided between Hannah Marston, Rachel P. Brown, Octavia Marston, Mary Jacobs, Jane Sanders, Lucinda Crawford, Abigail Patterson, Phebe Patten, Caroline Wiggins, Paulina McLellan, Frances Percy, Elizabeth Patten, Mary Jane Patten and Eliza Patten.‖

8. xi. Hugh, b. July 29, 1789.

9. xii. William, b. Sept. 20, 1793.

3. Robert[2] Patten (*Robert*[1]) was presumably born in Arundel about the year 1745. He married Sarah Deering, daughter of Humphrey and Abigail Deering of Arundel.

* Lincoln Probate, 19: 59.

† York Deeds, 154: 137.

‡ The date given for marriage of members of the family living in Topsham is often the date of the return of the marriage certificate.

§ Lincoln Deeds, 90: 111.

‖ Sagadahoc Probate.

When his father died in 1775 Robert Patten was living on a farm of one hundred acres in his native town which became his by the paternal will and testament. In 1779 he bought from his sister Margaret Cleaves the twenty acres which had been devised to her and which "adjoined land on which the said Robert now lives."* His life, sparsely recorded, seems to have been that of a farmer.

In the census of 1790 his family consisted of himself and wife, two boys under sixteen and four girls, the two oldest children having left home.

In the *Kennebunk Weekly Visitor* of May 21, 1814, is the following account of Sarah (Deering) Patten: "Died, In Arundel, on the 9th inst., Mrs. Sarah, wife of Mr. Robert Patten, aged 73. Although Mrs. Patten had not been a public professor of religion, there are but few in whom the human virtues shone more conspicuous; some weeks, however, before her decease, during her last illness which was long and distressing and which she endured with remarkable patience, she obtained through Grace a good hope in her precious Saviour, which continued to be her joy and support to her last. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

In the *Kennebunk Gazette* of May 13, 1826, is the following obituary notice: "In Kennebunk-Port, Mr. Robert Patten, aged 80. When a good man dies in a good old age, it is for the interest of society that particular notice should be taken of his character. Mr. Patten was ever a faithful friend to his country, in the worst of times. Industrious and attentive to his business, punctual in the fulfillment of his obligations, sincere to his friends and faithful to his family. Patient in suffering a long and painful disease without murmuring or repining, he resigned his breath to him who gave it, with faith in God and hope in the Resurrection and the life."

Children, born in Arundel:

10. i. Robert, b. March 14, 1769. The family of Robert Patten of Litchfield give this date for his birth and Arundel as the place thereof. John Patten of Topsham stated in 1833 that Robert Patten of Litchfield was a son of Robert Patten of Arundel, the emigrant from Ireland. This is obviously not the case, but that he was a son of Robert Patten of Arundel and a grandson of the emigrant seems a logical conclusion to draw from this evidence.
    ii. Hannah, bapt. Oct. 6, 1771; m. in Arundel April 22, 1790, Nathaniel Currier.
    iii. Sarah, bapt. Oct. 6, 1771; m. in Arundel July 22, 1822, Benjamin Stone; a widow, living with her sister-in-law Isabella Patten in 1850.
    iv. Betty, bapt. Aug. 9, 1772; m., int. May 2, 1807, Daniel Bickford.

* York Deeds, 68: 184.

v. Abigail, bapt. Aug. 6, 1775. She and her sister Mary (Molly), single women, deeded to their brother William all interest in the estate of their father, reserving a home in their father's house as long as they should remain unmarried, on Aug. 17, 1826.* She died, unmarried, in Saco May 28, 1858, aged 82 years, 8 months, at the home of Samuel Underwood, Jr., the husband of her niece.†

vi. James, bapt. June 20, 1779; presumably d. in infancy.

vii. Molly, bapt. May 8, 1782; living, unmarried, with her sister-in-law Isabella Patten in 1850.

11. viii. William, bapt. April 26, 1786.

4. James[2] Patten (*Robert*[1]) was born about 1747 in Arundel, and was baptized as an adult July 30, 1775. He married on December 7, 1775, Sarah Stone, daughter of Capt. Dixey Stone of Arundel, who died before 1789, possibly in 1786 when her youngest son was born. Her three surviving children, Robert, Rachel and Johnson, were heirs of their grandfather Stone in 1795 when their father was appointed their guardian to receive their share of the Stone estate.‡

James Patten's second wife was a young widow, Abigail (Meserve) Fogg whom he married in Scarborough October 6, 1789. She was a daughter of Daniel and Mehitable (Bragdon) Meserve and widow of David Fogg.

In 1783 he sold to Sarah Merrill the salt marsh and in 1790 to Josiah Hutchins and Daniel Mitchell the thatch bed on Batson's River, both of which lots had been specifically devised to him by his father.§

The farm which Robert Patten had left to his sons James and John in common was not divided until October 28, 1802, after John's death. On petition to the probate court, Thomas Perkins 3d, Robert Towne and Nicholas Downing made the division. To James Patten was set off one hundred and fifty-three acres, bounded southeasterly by land set off to the heirs of John Patten, southwesterly by land of Thomas Durrell and Robert Patten, northwesterly by land willed to the daughters of Robert Patten, deceased, and by land of Thomas Durrell and Daniel Merrill, northeasterly by John Mitchell's and William Smith's land to Jere Dorman's land, thence by Dorman's land to Lord's land, thence by Lord's land to Hanscom's land, thence by Hanscom's land southwest forty-four rods to a stake, thence south forty-seven degrees west by said Hanscom's land seventy-nine rods to a stake which is the north corner of land set off to the heirs of John Patten.‖

* York Deeds, 173: 191.
† *Maine Democrat.*
‡ York Probate, No. 21052.
§ York Deeds, 54: 26; 55: 460.
‖ York Probate, No. 14628.

The death of Mr. James Patten, aged 70, appears in the *Kennebunk Weekly Visitor* of May 10, 1817. Abigail Patten, his widow, was appointed administratrix of the estate June 16, 1817, her sureties being Enoch Coleman and Daniel Patten. Later, when she was ordered by the court to sell sufficient real-estate to raise $1,640 to pay debts, Seth Burnham had taken the place of Coleman as surety. The heirs at law, Johnson, Daniel and James Patten, consented to the sale on October 4, 1819, and James bought the family pew in the Baptist meeting-house. As her dower, in addition to other land, the widow received six and one-half acres of land on which the house and barn stood "beginning at the new road and running north 85° west fifty-eight rods to the town road, then north north-west by the said road twenty-nine rods, then east seventeen rods to the new road, then south-east by the said new road to the first bounds." Hugh McColloch bought the reversion of the widow's dower, and Daniel Nason bought two-thirds of the farm which amounted to eighty-three acres.*

Two years later, on April 7, 1821, Abigail Patten released to John Lord, Jr., of Kennebunkport, all her right in one hundred and twenty acres, more or less, and the farm buildings owned by her late husband James Patten.† She died September 15, 1838, aged eighty-three.

Children, born in Arundel:

12. i. Robert, bapt. Nov. 10, 1776.
    ii. Mary, bapt. Aug. 23, 1778; d. before 1795, when her brothers and sister were heirs of their grandfather Stone.
    iii. Rachel, bapt. July 25, 1779; d. before 1819 when she was not one of her father's heirs-at-law.
13. iv. Johnson, bapt. Sept. 1, 1782.
    v. Dixey, bapt. Jan. 17, 1786; d. before 1795.

By second wife:

14. vi. Daniel, b. July 26, 1792.
15. vii. James, bapt. Aug. 28, 1796.

5. John[2] Patten (*Robert*[1]) was born, according to his gravestone, on August 26, 1753, and presumably in Arundel. He first married Rachel ——, who must have died soon after the birth of her son in 1775. His second wife, whom he married November 16, 1779, was Sarah Wiswell, daughter of Thomas Wiswell, a wealthy Arundel merchant. Patten's death is recorded on August 20, 1802, and his estate was in probate that year. His widow died January 1, 1803, in her forty-sixth year. Their grave-

* York Probate, No. 14618.
† York Deeds, 109: 73.

stones must have been erected years later, when their children's memory for dates had become indistinct, for the year of his death was given as 1804, while the inscription for his wife states that she died on January 1, 1805, aged forty-seven years, four days, which does not agree with the recorded date of her birth on April 18, 1757.

John Patten served in the army during the Revolution, as his gravestone states, but the facts of his service are possibly entangled with the records of other John Pattens as nothing is found which positively identifies him as a soldier. The rest of his life seems to have been spent quietly on his Arundel farm.

Sarah Patten, widow, and Seth Burnham were appointed administrators of John Patten's estate on September 3, 1802, James Patten and Nicholas Downing being their sureties. The inventory of the estate of John Patten, gentleman, disclosed property valued at $2,874.* After their mother's death, Thatcher Goddard, the husband of one of their Wiswell aunts and a man of considerable wealth and prominence in Portland, was appointed guardian of the minor children, Mary, Rachel, Esther, John and Thomas Patten, on June 11, 1804.†

The heirs and James Patten proceeded to divide the land inherited from their father by John and James Patten and which they had been holding in common. The share of the heirs of John Patten was described as follows: "the homestead and buildings belonging to the said deceased consisting of one hundred and twenty-nine acres of land—beginning at the country road adjoining Dummer Mitchell's land, thence running north forty-seven Degrees west three hundred and six rods, then north east five rods, then north forty-seven degrees west one hundred and twenty rods to a maple tree spotted on four sides, thence north forty-three degrees east eighty-eight rods to a stake in Hanscom's line, thence south forty-seven degrees east one hundred and twenty rods to Samuel Lewis' land, thence south forty-three degrees west forty-four rods to a stake, thence south forty-seven degrees east two hundred and six rods to the county road, thence to the first mentioned bounds."

Mr. and Mrs. Goddard moved to Charlestown and later to Roxbury, but although two of the Patten girls were with them in Charlestown in 1806, the children seem to have made their home in Arundel. On July 26, 1806, Enoch T. Coleman and Susanna his wife, Eunice Downing, widow, of Charlestown, Middlesex, Mary Patten of Charlestown and Thatcher Goddard of Charles-

* York Probate, No. 14623.
† York Probate, No. 14625.

town, as guardian of Rachel, Esther, John and Thomas Patten, deeded thirty-six acres of land in Arundel to Daniel Nason.*

Child, by first wife:

i. James, bapt. July 1, 1775; living in 1790 when, by the census the family consisted of one male over sixteen (the father), one male under sixteen (James) and seven females, but dead, *s.p.*, before the children gave the deed to Nason in 1806.

By second wife, born in Arundel:

ii. Eunice, b. Oct. 27, 1780; m. April 10, 1802, Samuel Downing.
iii. Mary, b. June 19, 1783; m., int. Feb. 8, 1825, Samuel Lewis, cabinet-maker, of Kennebunkport. She d. *s.p.* in 1862. Her will, dated May 17, 1858, mentions her sister Susan Coleman (my best black shawl), niece Susan Wormwood (brass andirons), sister Rachel Hinkley (two dresses and best red merino shawl), niece Mrs. John B. Maling (best damask table cloth), niece Mrs. Woodbury Goodwin (small sized table cloth), niece Roxana Hinkley (feather bed and bedstead, card table). Residue to Village Baptist Church of Kennebunkport. Executor: Capt. Eliphalet Perkins.†
iv. Susannah, b. March 22, 1785; m. May 12, 1803, Enoch T. Coleman; d. March 22, 1871, aged 86.
v. Rachel, b. June 12, 1787; m. Jan. 7, 1809, William Hinkley of Topsham. One of her daughters, Mary W. Hinkley of Bangor, m. Woodbury Goodwin of Kennebunkport.‡
vi. Esther, b. May 31, 1791; m. Dec. 21, 1814, Jacob Curtis.
vii. John, b. Feb. 17, 1793; living in 1806. Possibly he was the apprentice for whom Simon Emery of Biddeford advertised in the *Kennebunk Weekly Visitor* on Feb. 10, 1810—"Ran away from subscriber in Biddeford, an apprentice boy named John Patten, about 16 years old, light complexion, light eyes, dark hair. Had on blue jacket and blue trousers. Simon Emery." No further record.
viii. Thomas, b. Aug. 23, 1795; d. July 4, 1815, "aged 24 y's, 11 m's, 11 d's" (gravestone—wrong by *five years*).

6. Actor[3] Patten (*Actor*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Topsham March 5, 1771. He married Anna Wilson, daughter of William and Mary (Patten) Wilson, his cousin, in Topsham December 7, 1800. Both died in Topsham, he on April 27, 1829, she December 2, 1832.§

In 1803 Patten began accumulating land in Topsham with the purchase of seventy-eight acres from the Thompson heirs. From his brother Hugh he bought in 1818 one hundred and ten acres which their father had sold to him and also all of the real estate which Hugh had inherited by their father's will. Later purchases, in addition to small lots in Topsham, were made of land in Lisbon from the Gardiners of Gardiner and the Vaughans and Merricks of Hallowell.‖

* York Deeds, 89: 269.
† York Probate, No. 11415.
‡ Newspaper of March 20, 1841.
§ First Parish burying ground.
‖ Lincoln Deeds, 57: 179, 183; 101: 185, 186; 110: 75; 117: 43, 192, 193.

His wife and his son John were named executors of Actor Patten's will, which was made December 4, 1828, and proved August 24, 1829. His estate was shared by his sons John, William, Isaac, Thomas, Otis and Bryce and his daughters Mary Jane, Rachel Caroline and Eliza. In his account as surviving executor in 1838, John listed the expenses of his sister Caroline's last illness.*

Children, born in Topsham:

i. Charlotte, b. Aug. 29, 1801; d. Nov. 27, 1801.

ii. John Stockbridge, b. Aug. 17, 1802; m. (1) Mary Elizabeth Treat Jan. 1, 1835; she d. Sept. 24, 1841, aged 26 years, 9 months; m. (2) Mary D. Buswell May 11, 1842; d. Oct. 26, 1882, in Bangor and was buried Oct. 29 in Enfield; his widow d. Feb. 27, 1905, "one of Bangor's oldest and most prominent women."† In Enfield John Patten seems to have been a lumberman and as a magistrate there his name appears as officiating at marriages. According to his widow's obituary he was at one time a dealer in music in Bangor, but the Penobscot Registry of Deeds testifies to his great interest in land and lumber.

Children, by first wife:

1. *Weston S.;* survived his father, but left Bangor, his later whereabouts never known.
2. *Emma Frances;* d. Jan. 25, 1856, aged 18 years, 9 months; buried at Enfield.

iii. Major William Wilson, b. Jan. 18, 1805; m. Nov. 5, 1832, Bethia E. Abell of Bowdoin; d. Nov. 1, 1888; she d. Jan. 18, 1889, aged eighty-two years, ten months.

Children, born in Topsham:

1. *George Abell,* b. Dec. 20, 1833; m. May 30, 1861, Anna McKenzie.
2. *Caroline,* b. March 22, 1835; d. unmarried in Freeport.
3. *Harriet Nott,* b. Dec. 13, 1836; m. June 28, 1866, Robert Alexander Brown of Hudson, Wisconsin.
4. *William Tate,* b. Feb. 8, 1845; d. Aug. 20, 1864, aged eighteen.
5. *Bryce McLellan,* b. Aug. 19, 1850; m. Dec. 26, 1878, Martha Wheeler Curtis; d. June 8, 1915. Their children: Ralph J., Bertha S. (m. Wilbur L. Hunter), Anna Wilson (m. Harrison Morton Stone), Ella A. (m. Elmer W. Nickerson), Paulina (m. John A. Minott) and Margaret S.

iv. Isaac Wilson, b. Jan. 16, 1807; d. unmarried May 24, 1883, at the home of his brother Charles.

v. Mary Jane, b. March 19, 1809; d. unmarried in Topsham March 30, 1893. Her will, dated Sept. 10, 1884, left to her great-niece Anne Wilson Patten (then less than a year old) two pictures "Morning" and "Evening" which had been given her by her grandfather Wilson. To sister Eliza S. Patten. To nephew Bryce M. Patten and to his children Caroline, Ralph C. and Bertha E. To each of the four children of Charles T. Patten. To George P. Brown, son of her niece Harriet. To each of the three children of her brother

* Lincoln Probate, 31: 1.
† *Bangor Daily News*, Feb. 28, 1905.

Bryce M. Patten. To niece Libby C. Patten of Little Rock, Arkansas. To Weston S. Patten, my brother's son. Executor: William E. Graves.*

vi. Rachel Caroline, b. Sept. 14, 1811; d. at Passadunkeag, where she was living with her aunt Mrs. Shannon, Jan. 24, 1834, aged twenty-two.†

vii. Bryce McLellan, b. March 1, 1814; Monmouth Academy; Bowdoin College, A.B. 1837, A.M. 1840; m. (1) in Brunswick in 1850 Mary Earle, who d. *s.p.;* m. (2) in 1870 Josephine Burns of Chariton, Iowa, who d. Nov. 27, 1908, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sparling, in Fort Worth, Texas; he d. March 15, 1891, in Farmington, Iowa.

While in college he taught in Union Academy in Wells and after graduation from Bowdoin in Covington, Kentucky, until 1839 when he settled in Louisville and soon commenced, at his own expense and with great success, to teach classes of blind pupils. As a result of this experiment, the Kentucky State Institution for the Blind was established and Mr. Patten was its superintendent for twenty-nine years, also acting as managing director of the American Printing House for the Blind. After retiring in 1871, he travelled and lectured for a few years and eventually settled on a farm in Bentonsport, Iowa. He was not temperamentally fitted to be a successful farmer, however, and about 1883 he moved to Farmington, Iowa, his home until his death.

Children:

1. *Bryce Earl,* b. March 28, 1872, in Vermont; m. (1) in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1901, Georgia Fisher, from whom he was separated by divorce in 1908; m. (2) in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 11, 1911, Jennie Farquer; living in Arlington, Virginia (1940).
2. *Ida Belle,* b. Oct. 1, 1877, in Lincoln, Nebraska; m. in Little Rock, Arkansas, Dec. 9, 1896, Hugh Alfred Sparling of Toronto, Canada; three children, born in Little Rock, Edward Earl Sparling (Nov. 23, 1898), Hugh Alfred Sparling (Nov. 9, 1903), Jo Orlean Louise Sparling (May 28, 1907).
3. *Helena May* (called Lenamay); b. May 28, 1879, in Bentonsport, Iowa; d. April, 1884, in Farmington, Iowa.
4. *Lela Jo,* b. Dec. 14, 1885, at Farmington, Iowa; m. April 1905, Raine Ewell of New York City, from whom she was separated by divorce; m. (2) William Weber of San Francisco; children, born in New York, Lois Ewell (July 16, 1908), Raine McLellan Ewell (July 17, 1910).

viii. Thomas Wilson, b. Aug. 14, 1816; d. unmarried April 7, 1858, at Fort Oak, Texas.

ix. Eliza Swett, b. Feb. 12, 1821; d. unmarried June 25, 1893, at Topsham. Her will was made June 17, 1893. To her nephew Bryce M. Patten, his wife Martha W. Patten, their daughter Anna W. Patten and their son Ralph J. Patten. She mentioned a legacy from her brother Otis Patten, late of Little Rock, Arkansas.‡

x. Otis, b. May 11, 1821; m. Dec. 29, 1849, Susan C. Hunter McMillen; d. April 14, 1893, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the home of his daughter Mrs. Bryan. After serving as assistant to his brother Bryce in the Kentucky School for the Blind, he was appointed

* Sagadahoc Probate.
† Gravestone at Passadunkeag.
‡ Sagadahoc Probate.

superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind at Arkadelphia on Dec. 1, 1859, shortly after its establishment, and held the position until March 25, 1885, the institution having been moved to Little Rock. Portraits of Mr. Patten and his wife, who acted as matron, now hang in the school hall. For many years he brought his family back to his old home in Topsham for their summer holidays, and he is still remembered there.

Children:

1. *Anna;* d. unmarried.
2. *Madeline Hunter;* m. Arthur C. Sloan at Albuquerque, New Mexico, Nov. 6, 1883; d. *s.p.*
3. *Susannah Hunter;* m. R. W. D. Bryan at Albuquerque Sept. 19, 1883. Three sons, Kirk Bryan of the Harvard University faculty, Hugh McLellan Bryan of Salt Lake City and George Steinman Bryan of Albuquerque are now (1940) living.
4. *Elizabeth C.* (Libbie); m. Edward W. Dobson at Albuquerque Sept. 15, 1886. A son, Chester Dobson of Los Lunas, New Mexico, and a daughter, Susanna (Dobson) Cavender, are now (1940) living.
5. *William McMillen,* b. Sept. 13, 1856, probably at Logansport, Indiana; m. Nov. 15, 1882, Lelia Nott, who d. Sept. 30, 1931; d. Feb. 1, 1935, at Little Rock where he had spent his life. A daughter, Anna V. Patten, b. March 1, 1886, d. unmarried Jan. 29, 1935. A son, Gordon Nott Patten, b. Nov. 5, 1883, m. June 17, 1908, Pearle Ophelia Puryear and lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

xi. Charles Tate, b. March 5, 1824; m. Nov. 29, 1860, Cynthia Jane Curtis of Bowdoinham who d. July 6, 1908; d. Feb. 22, 1898. He remained in Topsham on his father's farm and served the town as selectman.

Children, born in Topsham:

1. *Alice Smith,* b. April 28, 1861; d. unmarried Jan. 19, 1900.
2. *Charles Actor,* b. Feb. 4, 1863; m. Oct. 9, 1895, Georgia Bryant; a son, Bryant McLellan, was b. Feb. 8, 1902.
3. *George Amory,* b. Sept. 3, 1867; m. June 14, 1905, Florence Smalley.
4. *Edwin Curtis,* b. Nov. 17, 1872; m. June 29, 1901, Sarah Millward Gowell. Children: Clyde Gowell, b. May 15, 1902; Leon Edwin, b. June 15, 1905, and d. April 6, 1906; Cynthia Madelyn, b. June 12, 1907.

7. Lieut. Robert[3] Patten (*Actor,*[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Topsham about 1777. The family deed of 1835, which gives his residence as China, disproves the theory that Robert Patten of Litchfield was the son of Actor Patten of Topsham. He married June 30, 1806, Phebe Ricker of Poland, who died November 12, 1863, aged seventy-five years, six months. He died February 12, 1867, aged ninety-one years, six months, seven days. They are buried in the Branch Mills Graveyard, China.

In 1815 Robert Patten, Jr., of Topsham bought sixty acres of land, buildings and one-quarter of a grist-mill and other mill

rights on the western branch of the Sheepscot River in Harlem (later China) from Ephraim Jones, and immediately mortgaged the property to Thomas L. Winthrop of Boston.* During the next ten years he bought and sold other shares in the Jones mill and other water rights.† Owing to the loss by fire of the China town records, little can be learned of his family and life:

Children, presumably born in China:

i. Rufus; d. July 26, 1820, aged 12 years, 11 months (gravestone).
ii. Mary A.; m. after 1850 Joseph Jacobs; d. May 3, 1882, aged 72 years, 9 months, 26 days (gravestone).
iii. Ara C., b. about 1813; m. before 1850 Paulina ——. He was a manufacturer of cloth in China but failed financially and moved away before 1860 when he was practising law in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. In 1870, when he was a lawyer in Hudson in the same state, the census gave his age as fifty-seven and that of his wife Paulina as forty-six. She was living in Medford, Wisconsin, in 1899.

Children, born in China:

1. *Loreda,* b. about 1846; m. before 1870 Philip Rickman.
2. *Laosta,* b. about 1850; m. —— Kelly before 1870 when she was living with her parents, without her husband.

iv. Abigail T., aged 28 in 1850.
v. Elizabeth B.; m. after 1850 Henry T. Perkins; d. Feb. 23, 1854, aged 31 (gravestone).
vi. Phebe D., b. July 21, 1827; a legatee of her aunt Rachel Patten; d. March 2, 1899 (gravestone); her will, "of Augusta," left her entire estate to Paulina Patten of Medford, Wisconsin.

8. Capt. Hugh[3] Patten (*Actor,*[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Topsham July 29, 1789. He married in Topsham January 27, 1818, Lucy Green, who was born in Bow, New Hampshire, May 4, 1793.

Capt. Patten's service at sea was apparently on vessels not hailing from the Kennebec district as his name does not appear on the Bath shipping records. In 1850 he and his family were listed in the census as living in Phippsburg.

Hugh Patten died February 18, 1860 (gravestone), and was buried in Topsham. Lucy Patten died March 4, 1879, aged eighty-five (gravestone), or eighty-six (newspaper). Edward Beaumont, who had married a Green, was appointed administrator of her estate, her heirs-at-law being Charles W. Patten of San Francisco, Adelia L. Loring of Eldora, Iowa, Elizabeth J. Patten of Topsham, Fannie E. Rogers of Woburn, Massachusetts, and Lucy Gahan of Phippsburg.

* Kennebec Deeds. 24: 101; 22: 356.
† Kennebec Deeds, 29: 238; 31: 297; 52: 268; 54: 391.

Children, all recorded in Brunswick:

i. Charles William, b. Nov. 29, 1818, in Topsham. In 1879, when his mother died, he was living in San Francisco but a thorough search of what remains of San Francisco sources produces little about him. His name appears in city directories from 1875 to 1887, his occupation being given as manufacturer's agent, assayer and "mining."

ii. Abigail Augusta, b. Oct. 5, 1820, in Topsham; m. in Phippsburg Dec. 31, 1846, Col. Thomas Oliver; d. *s.p.* before 1879.

iii. Adelia L., b. March 18, 1824; m. in Phippsburg, int. Feb. 22, 1845, Rev. Asa S. Loring; of Eldora, Iowa, in 1879.

iv. Frances A., b. July 5, 1826; m. before 1850 Capt. Andrew T. Percy of Phippsburg; named in the will of her aunt Rachel Patten in 1864; d. Jan. 23, 1867, in Phippsburg; her two daughters Fannie E. (m., int. Dec. 14, 1866, Oliver Parker Rogers) and Lucy J. (m., int. Nov. 2, 1870, Anthony B. Gahan) were among her mother's heirs.

v. Sarah M., b. June 25, 1828; d. in Phippsburg Aug. 14, 1857, aged 29.

vi. Elizabeth J., b. Nov. 10, 1830; of Topsham, unmarried, in 1879.

vii. James McKeen, b. June 10, 1833; d. in Phippsburg Nov. 2, 1844, aged 11 years, 6 months.

viii. Capt. Rogers G., b. April 22, 1836; captain of the ship *Prussia* of Bath, 1212 tons, owned by Houghton Brothers, in 1868; d. Feb. 8, 1874, aged 37.

ix. Mary C. G., b. May 28, 1838; d. in Phippsburg June 26, 1838, aged 28 days.

9. Capt. William[3] Patten (*Actor*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Topsham September 20, 1793. He married in Topsham September 26, 1824, Pauline Patten (*Thomas*,[3] *John*,[2] *Hector*[1]), who died in Havana, Cuba, December 12, 1826,* apparently while on a voyage with her husband. His second wife was Hannah Huntington, daughter of Dr. Huntington of Bowdoinham, who died January, 1835, aged about thirty-five. He married, third, September 8, 1835, Eliza (Tallman) Smith, daughter of Capt. Peleg Tallman, a prominent Bath capitalist and ship-builder, and widow of Capt. Horatio Smith. She died in Philadelphia February 25, 1863. In 1867 he married, fourth, Carrie Lehman, in Philadelphia. He died in Philadelphia August 15, 1871.

Capt. Patten followed the sea during his early manhood, and rose to the command of vessels. His voyages took him to the Gulf of Mexico, then infested by pirates. On one occasion his vessel was boarded by the notorious corsair, Jean Lafitte, who took a supply of provisions, freely turned over to him, and departed, without having searched for money, a considerable amount of which had been hidden among the ballast when the pirate was seen approaching.† In all probability he was the Capt. William Patten who commanded this Kennebec vessel:

1825 brig *George*, 251 tons, G. F. Patten, owner

* *Christian Mirror*, Jan. 19, 1827.
† See *Peleg Tallman*, by William M. Emery.

After the marriage of Captain Patten and Mrs. Smith, they lived about two years in Bath; then on the thousand acre farm, given her by her father, until 1846, when they moved to Richmond village. He had already become engaged in ship-building, and among the vessels built and owned by him, and after 1850 by Patten & Sturtevant, were

1845 bark *Globe*, 366 tons, Capt. William Purrington
1847 ship *Medallion*, 547 tons, Capt. F. Houdlette
1847 brig *Zeno*, 221 tons, Capt. S. B. Dinsmore
1848 ship *William Patten*, 608 tons, Capt. William Decker
1850 bark *Glenburn*, 455 tons, Capt. H. Q. Sampson
1852 ship *Hydra*, 499 tons, Capt. James Lunt
1854 ship *Therese*, 899 tons, Capt. James Lunt

He was director of the Lincoln Bank of Bath, and president and a director of the Richmond Bank. He was Representative to the Legislature in 1856. In the latter part of 1850, he and Captain William H. Sturtevant entered into partnership, under the firm name of Patten & Sturtevant, and engaged in general trade, carrying on at the same time a ship-building business. In July, 1857, Captain Patten became financially embarrassed, and went to Brooklyn, N. Y., from which city he removed to Philadelphia in November of the same year, where he resided until his death. The business of Patten & Sturtevant was closed up by the junior partner and the firm was dissolved in 1858.

Eliza (Tallman) Patten made her will June 15, 1861, leaving her estate to her son and daughters by her first marriage (William Henry Smith, Ellen C. T. Sturtevant and Elizabeth S. Larrabee), her daughter-in-law Almira Smith, and her three Patten daughters, Hannah P. Darrah, Rachel J. Elwell and Ann M. T. Patten. Her brother Benjamin F. Tallman and son William H. Smith of Richmond were named executors.

Child, by first wife:

i. Ann Mary, bapt. July 6, 1825, by the minister of the Winter Street church in Bath; d. in infancy, July 13, 1825.

Children, by third wife:

ii. Hannah Pauline, b. June 28, 1836, in Bath; m. (1) in London, England, March 14, 1854, Capt. Frederick Theobold Hatch who d. at sea Dec., 1854; m. (2) in Richmond Jan. 29, 1857, John Cone Darrah; m. (3) in Delanco, N. J., Sept. 17, 1890, Capt. Henry L. Gregg; d. in Delanco May 9, 1904.

iii. Rachel Jane, b. April 27, 1838, in Richmond; m. in Richmond Jan. 29, 1857, Capt. Joseph Sprague Elwell; d. in Philadelphia May 27, 1932.

iv. Ann Maria Therese, b. Aug. 11, 1840, in Richmond; Charles W. Larrabee was appointed her guardian in Feb., 1857; m. in Philadelphia Nov. 12, 1868, Col. James Beattie Roney, University of Pennsylvania 1859; d. in Delanco, N. J., Aug. 9, 1910.

10. Robert[3] Patten (*Robert*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Arundel March 14, 1769. He married Mary Jack, daughter of Andrew and Fannie (Merryman) Jack of Litchfield, May 1, 1793. He died in Litchfield December 7, 1842, and his widow survived until September 16, 1857.*

Patten's first recorded purchase in Litchfield was a quarter interest in Nickerson's saw-mill in 1808,† the forerunner of a long list of lands and mill shares which he acquired in Litchfield and Bowdoinham. His real estate dealings seem to have been profitable and his position in the community is evidenced by the "Esq." which generally follows his name in the records.

His will, dated January 29, 1842, and proved January 7, 1843, left to his wife Mary $1,000, and one-third of his real estate and household goods. Each of his sons Andrew, Robert, Seth, John and Samuel received $1,500, and his two daughters, Fanny Stinson and Mary Jack, shared the remaining household furniture. Executors: Moses Dennett of Bowdoin, Samuel Patten. The inventory came to $20,299.79.‡

Children, born in Litchfield:

i. Andrew Jack, b. May 13, 1794; m. March 28, 1821, Mary Laughlin who d. June 16, 1886; d. at New Harmony, Ohio, February 25, 1872. He was a teacher and farmer in Williamsburg, Ohio, and was prominent in the Masonic Order, being secretary of the local lodge from 1825 to 1837 and master for seven terms from 1842 to 1851. In the final account of the administrator of his estate, Sylvanus Patten, his widow Mary is named and his children Sylvanus, Granville, Serena Pool and Harriet Henning.

Children:

1. *Sylvanus Actor*, by 1822; m. Ellen —— who d. in 1899; d. in 1901. He served for a year in the 48th Ohio Volunteer Infantry regiment during the Civil War. He had one son, Clayton, and three daughters.

* Mr. Sinnett and Mr. Moore both identified Robert Patten of Litchfield with Robert3 (*John*,2 *Hector*1), but the family deed signed by all of John2 Patten's surviving children in 1835 proves conclusively that John's son Robert was he who settled in China. In his letter of 1833 John Patten of Topsham stated that Robert of Litchfield was a son of the first Robert of Arundel, but this was not so, Robert2 (*Robert*1)'s life being fully documented in his native town. There can be no doubt, however, that he was a grandson of Robert, the Arundel emigrant, his father being the Robert of the second generation with whom his Topsham cousin confused him.

† Lincoln Deeds, 70: 63.

‡ Kennebec Probate.

2. *Granville,* b. 1827; m. Mary —— who d. in 1895; d. in 1896. He also served in the Civil War in the same regiment as his brother. He was a trustee of Pike County 1860-1861. He had five sons, John, Randolph, Andrew, Charles and Clifford.
3. *Serena;* m. —— Pool.
4. *Mary;* not mentioned in administrator's account.
5. *Elizabeth;* not mentioned in administrator's account.
6. *Harriet;* m. —— Henning.

ii. Fannie, b. April 5, 1796; m. Rev. Robert Stinson about 1817.

iii. Seth, b. Aug. 17, 1798; d. Sept. 5, 1802.

iv. Robert, b. Nov. 20, 1800; m. Oct. 30, 1823, Sally Brown, who d. in Gardiner Dec. 24, 1876, aged 75; he d. in Gardiner Dec. 11, 1882, aged 82. He taught school in Litchfield and was chairman of the board of the Litchfield Institute.

Children:

1. *Miranda A.,* b. March 7, 1829; m. (1) May 8, 1853, Samuel H. Toothaker; m. (2) in Gardiner Jan. 29, 1860, Henry Richardson; m. (3), int. Oct. 11, 1862, in Gardiner, Edmund N. Davis; d. April 22, 1893.
2. *Mary E.,* b. June 14, 1833; m. Moulton Page.

v. Mary, b. April 17, 1803; m. Thomas Jack Oct. 25, 1829.

vi. Capt. Samuel, b. Aug. 5, 1806; m. Dec. 2, 1830, Mary Jack of Lisbon; d. Jan. 22, 1891, at Litchfield where he lived in his father's homestead; she d. Aug. 15, 1879.

Children, born in Litchfield:

1. *Luella Augusta Chamberlain,* b. Sept. 20, 1832; m. Russell S. Niles.
2. *Robert Franklin,* b. March 10, 1840; m. Almira H. Mitchell.
3. *Samuel Orator,* b. April 13, 1845; m. H. Floretta Buker, int. July 20, 1881.

vii. Seth, b. Oct. 3, 1809; m. (1) in Lisbon April 25, 1833, Bethia Cowing, who d. April 4, 1848; m. (2) at Bowdoin, Jan. 3, 1850, Jane Hall, who d. Aug. 23, 1852; m. (3) in Durham May 29, 1853, Rebecca Stevens, who d. April 19, 1907. Seth Patten d. Aug. 21, 1895, in Lisbon.

Children, by first wife, born in Lisbon:

1. *Diana S.,* b. July 11, 1834; d. Aug. 29, 1846.
2. *Robert,* b. July 17, 1836; d. Jan. 9, 1861.
3. *Drusilla,* b. June 2, 1840; m. Aug. 9, 1864, John C. Bryant of Webster; d. Aug. 12, 1912.
4. *Clarissa E.,* b. July 12, 1842; d. Aug. 31, 1859.
5. *Adrianna G.,* b. July 23, 1846; d. Jan. 17, 1867.

By second wife:

6. *Martin H.,* b. Nov. 25, 1851; d. April 10, 1852.

viii. Capt. John, b. Jan. 22, 1815; m. March 21, 1841, Caroline Odiorne; d. Jan. 2, 1894. He lived on a part of his father's land in Litchfield.

Child, born in Litchfield:

1. *Mary E.,* b. Oct. 14, 1843; m. John Purington.

11. William[3] Patten (*Robert*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was baptized in Arundel April 26, 1786. He married, intention December 8, 1821, Susan Currier who died less than a year later, in October, 1822, aged thirty-one. In the *Kennebunk Gazette* of October 26, 1822, appears an obituary paying tribute to her kindness and aid to the unfortunate, particularly to the sick. "This disposition to do good 'grew with her growth and strengthened with her strength.' " His second wife was Isabella Smith of Hollis, their intention to marry being dated January 8, 1825.

Patten died in Kennebunkport, as Arundel had been newly named, on November 24, 1841, aged fifty-five. A short obituary in *The Maine Democrat* (Saco) states that William Patten, Esq., formerly represented Kennebunkport in the State Legislature and was much respected. His widow and three sisters having declined the trust, his nephew Edmund Currier, Jr., was appointed administrator of his estate.* The four children, all under fourteen years of age, were placed under the guardianship of their mother, Isabella Patten, August 17, 1843.†

The census of 1850 shows Isabella Patten as the head of a very feminine household, the sole male being her son William, aged nineteen. With her were living her husband's three sisters, Mrs. Stone, aged seventy-nine, Abigail Patten, aged seventy-five, and Mary Patten, aged sixty-five. Her oldest daughter had married in 1850, but two younger ones were listed, Olive and Sarah.

Isabella Patten died March 31, 1879, aged eighty-one years, two months.

Children, born in Kennebunkport:

i. Susan Currier, b. about 1829; m., int. July 8, 1850, Samuel H. Underwood of Saco.

ii. William J., b. about 1831; m. Jan. 2, 1859, Lucretia S. Hill of Kennebunk who must have died very soon as at his death on September 15, 1861, he left neither widow nor issue, as his mother stated when she asked that Joseph Dam be appointed administrator.‡ Hartley Patten, an infant who d. in 1859, was their only child.

iii. Olive S., b. about 1834; m. Dec. 25, 1856, William Hancock of Kennebunk.

iv. Sarah A., b. Jan. 1840; d. March 16, 1860, aged 20 years, 2 months, at the home of her sister Mrs. Hancock, of consumption.

12. Robert[3] Patten (*James*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was baptized in Arundel November 10, 1776. He married in Wells (second parish) Jan. 24, 1802, Lydia Emery, daughter of Isaac Emery, a merchant and importer, of Kennebunk. She was born March 6, 1784. In the

* York Probate, No. 14633.
† York Probate, No. 14630.
‡ York Probate, No. 14635.

December 19, 1812, number of the *Kennebunk Weekly Visitor* Robert Patten advertised as follows: "Notice. Whereas Lydia, wife of the subscriber, has totally disregarded the conjugal vows, has forfeited every claim to friendship and protection which a husband ought to have; I do hereby forbid all persons trusting and harbouring her. Kennebunk, Dec. 11, 1812. Robert Patten, jr." In the May term of the supreme court, 1813, he applied for a divorce, through his attorney George Wallingford, and his wife contested the libel, her attorney being the distinguished Maine lawyer John Holmes. The justices decided that Patten's charges were fully and satisfactorily proved and the divorce was granted. Under her maiden name, Lydia Emery, she married, intention May 21, 1815, Johnson Stevens, who had been named in Patten's suit. She died August 25, 1862.

On November 23, 1818, at Wells, Capt. Robert Patten and Mrs. Jane Hooper were married. She was a daughter of Joseph Hobbs of Wells and widow of Loammi Hooper. Her death, at the residence of her father on June 29, 1832, is recorded in the *Kennebunk Gazette*, but her gravestone, in her father's lot, states that she died June 8, 1832, aged 41 years, 4 months.

In the *Kennebunk Gazette*, of September 22, 1832, appeared the following advertisement: "Auction Sale. Will be sold without reserve to the highest bidder, on Saturday, the 13th day of October next, that elegant establishment, containing nine acres of land, situated within a short distance of Kennebunk village, on the road leading to Saco, lately occupied by Mrs. Patten, as a Tavern stand for which it is well calculated. The buildings are in good repair and ready for occupants. Conditions made known at the sale. Kennebunk, Sept. 12, 1832."

Robert Patten was master of the snow *President Jefferson*, 188 tons, in 1803, of the new schooner *Paulina*, 113 tons, in 1811, of the brig *Alliance* from 1816 to 1821 and of the brig *Ferox* in 1821. During these years he was engaged in trade between his home port of Kennebunkport and the West Indies, principally Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and the local newspapers record his arrivals with cargoes of coffee and log-wood. Later he made longer voyages to China and the East Indies. He does not seem to have been successful financially and executions against his property were common in 1814-1815 and in 1826-1827. Eventually he left Maine permanently, possibly by 1829 when Jane Patten, wife of Robert Patten, formerly of Kennebunk, mariner, quitclaimed to Dr. Jacob Fisher nine acres of woodland in Kennebunkport, levied upon to satisfy an execution against her husband in favor

of Nathaniel Goodwin and deeded by Goodwin to Dr. Fisher.* Capt. Patten spent his old age in Australia.

There were no children by either marriage.

13. Johnson[3] Patten (*James*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was baptized in Arundel September 1, 1782. He married June 4, 1809, Lucy Towne, daughter of Lieut. Amos and Sarah (Miller) Towne.

As a young man he went to sea with his brother Robert, whom he served as mate on voyages to the West Indies, but in 1810, soon after his marriage, he bought from his aunt Mary Wilson of Topsham the twenty acres in Arundel which she had obtained by her father's will and took up a farmer's life.† He built a house nearly opposite the John Lord house, but about 1820 sold the property to Joshua ("Long Josh") Nason, and bought land of Capt. Clement Lord and built the house in which he lived for the rest of his life.

Johnson Patten died June 1, 1848, aged sixty-six. Six days before his death he had conveyed his homestead farm to his son James who deeded it on September 11, 1848, to his brother John and his brother-in-law Joseph Hardy. On the same day they transferred it to Lucy Patten, widow, and she in turn sold it to Daniel Nason. The widow died in Saco, where she had spent her last years with her daughter Lucy, on October 15, 1862, aged seventy-two.

Children, born in Kennebunkport:

i. Sarah Stone, b. Dec. 11, 1809; m. Nov. 11, 1828, Hiram Sands of Lyman who was b. July 15, 1805, and d. Oct. 21, 1884, aged 79; she d. Jan. 2, 1879, at Somerville, Mass. Sands was originally an innkeeper, later a brick manufacturer which brought him prosperity before the Civil War. For the federal government he supervised the construction of Fort Smith, Arkansas, in 1840. As the birth records of his children show, he lived in many places in Maine, Arkansas and Massachusetts.

Children:

1. *Elizabeth Sands*, b. Oct. 10, 1829, in Lyman; m. Nov. 12, 1850, in Cambridge, Levi Perkins. Three children: Arthur Perkins, Carrie Perkins and Etta Perkins (Mrs. Austin).
2. *Harriet N. Sands*, b. Feb. 23, 1831, in St. Albans, Me.; m. April 19, 1862, in Cambridge, Stephen D. Fowler. One daughter, Mary Louise Fowler, who m. (1) Benjamin Kingsbury and (2) Albert M. Fowle, and has one son, Stanley M. Kingsbury, of Weston, Mass.
3. *Thomas Sands*, b. July 5, 1832, in St. Albans; m. (1) Elizabeth C. Johnson; m. (2) Oct. 6, 1890, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Russell; lived in Nashua, N. H., of which city he was mayor in 1894. He engaged in many manufacturing enterprises, and as an inventor he had to his

* York Deeds, 136: 74.
† York Deeds, 104: 109.

credit the roller-skate, a brickmaking machine, a type of pipe-organ, a spring needle for making hosiery and the White Mountain ice-cream freezer. By his first wife he had a daughter, Elizabeth I. Sands (Mrs. Ernest A. Morgan).

4. *Lucy Patten Sands,* b. March 25, 1834, in Bangor; d. young.
5. *Sarah Jane Sands,* b. Dec. 23, 1836, in Bangor; d. young.
6. *George M. Sands,* b. Dec. 23 (*sic*), 1837, in Bangor; d. young.
7. *Sarah C. Sands,* b. June 26, 1840, in Fort Smith, Arkansas; m. (1) Augustus Hatch who d. in 1867; m. (2) Feb. 10, 1881, William Langdon Libbey of Boston; d. in Boston Aug. 20, 1925, *s.p.*
8. *Orin Sands,* b. Oct. 28, 1842, in Limerick, Me.; d. young.
9. *George H. Sands,* b. Aug. 6, 1844, in Cambridge, Mass.; m. in 1868 Kate Mills. One daughter, Alice Josephine Sands, m. Albert Blaikie and has two sons.
10. *Josephine M. Sands,* b. June 6, 1846, in Cambridge; m. in Chelsea Nov. 30, 1871, Edward McLellan; d. in Marion, Mass., Aug. 5, 1925. Children: Grace Josephine McLellan (b. Feb. 6, 1880; m. Feb. 11, 1902, Henry Frederick Lesh; lives in Pinehurst, No. Carolina, and Marion, Mass.), Ernest Cleveland McLellan (d. in infancy), Ralph M. McLellan (b. Feb. 6, 1885; m. in Chicago, Ill., Margaret Mather Hunt; d. July, 1933, at Newton Highlands, Mass., leaving one daughter, Grace Josephine), and Edward Carleton McLellan (b. July 16, 1890; m. Edna A. Smith; d. Oct., 1935, in West Newton, leaving four sons, Edward Robert, David S., Richard A. and William.)
11. *Charles W. Sands,* b. May 3, 1848, in Cambridge; by his third marriage, with Laura M. Jones, he had a daughter, Hazel (Sands) Welch, of Newtonville.

16. ii. John Towne, b. Oct. 19, 1812.

iii. Lucy, b. Nov. 13, 1814; m. Nov. 22, 1836, Joseph Hardy who d. June 8, 1880, aged 72; she d. March 21, 1893, in Saco. Mr. Hardy was born in Warner, N. H., Jan. 1, 1808. He was for twenty-seven years an overseer in the York Mills, and was inspector of U. S. Customs 1861-1867.

Children:

1. *Josephine Maria Hardy,* b. Sept. 10, 1839; d. May 20, 1845.
2. *Emma L. Hardy,* b. Feb. 5, 1844; m., int. Oct. 14, 1865, Capt. William E. Nason who d. April 29, 1888; she d. in Saco Oct. 19, 1896. One daughter, Ella Maude (m. Oct. 25, 1888, Henry Albert Hewes of Saco), and two sons who d. in infancy, Clarence H. (b. July 24, d. Aug. 17, 1867) and Guy Edward (b. Feb. 10, d. Nov. 9, 1873).

17. iv. James Dorrance, b. Aug. 26, 1817.

v. Jane Merrill, b. March 31, 1821; m. April 10, 1842, Asa Waldo Wildes of Newburyport; d. in Skowhegan May 1, 1877.

Children:

1. *Francis Chase,* b. Feb. 1, 1846, in Northfield, Vt.; d. Sept. 17, 1849, in Waterville, Me.
2. *George Lunt,* b. Nov. 1, 1847; m. June 26, 1877, Elizabeth Neal Gilman of Skowhegan.

3. *William Henry,* b. Sept. 6, 1850; m. Nov. 26, 1874, Abbie Keene of Caanan.
4. *Annie Waldo,* b. Sept. 17, 1856; m. (1) Oct. 17, 1876, Charles Douglas Whitehouse of Augusta; m. (2) Henry Norman James, in Denver, Colorado.
5. *Mary Howard,* b. Oct. 9, 1859; m. Dec. 8, 1880, Walter Goodwin Davis of Portland.

18. vi. Robert, b. Feb. 13, 1823.
19. vii. Charles Edward, b. Oct. 11, 1828.
20. viii. Albert Gallatin Nason, b. Jan. 6, 1831.

14. Daniel[3] Patten (*James,*[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Arundel July 26, 1792. He married, int. Jan. 10, 1818, Phoebe Adams, daughter of Joseph and Priscilla Adams. She died February 25, 1856. He died March 22, 1871. They are buried in the Hobbs graveyard in Waterboro.

On February 12, 1834, he bought from Jacob Smith, Jr., a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Waterboro, moved there with his family and lived thereon until his death.

Children:

i. Joseph Adams, b. Sept. 29, 1818; m. Aug. 23, 1847, Mary Antoinette Bixby who was b. Oct. 29, 1826, in Tunbridge, Vt., and d. Feb. 9, 1906. He lived in Lowell, Mass., where he was a factory superintendent, and where he d. Jan. 27, 1897.

Children, born in Lowell:

1. *Marie Antoinette,* b. April 29, 1848; d. July 6, 1849.
2. *Marcellus Adams,* b. Dec. 3, 1849; m. Aug. 3, 1875, Susan Genevieve Allen; d. Dec. 5, 1921. Besides two sons who d. at birth, they had Wilbur Allen Patten (b. Sept. 5, 1879; m. Sept. 26, 1904, Bertha Louise Lee) and Harold Joseph Patten (b. May 27, 1884).
3. *Frank James,* b. March 14, 1852; d. July 6, 1854.

ii. Abigail Meservy, b. Oct. 25, 1821; m. Aug. 30, 1843, Ivory Walker of Waterboro; d. Sept. 11, 1899.
iii. Lydia, b. Oct. 15, 1823; m. March 4, 1855, as his second wife, Euran Hamilton Hobbs of Waterboro, who d. Aug. 12, 1881; d. May 10, 1902.
iv. James, b. March 21, 1826; d. March 14, 1848.
v. William, b. March 13, 1829; m. Nancy Worster of Belfast; d. June 6, 1860. In the 1850 census he is listed as a manufacturer. His widow m. John Emery of Waterboro, April 6, 1861.

Children:

1. *George Willis,* b. in 1854; m. Frances Martin of Lowell, Mass.; d. in 1906. They had one son, Percival Francis Patten, who was b. in Lowell Dec. 26, 1881, m. April 13, 1917, Julia Ann Devine, and is now (1841) Lieut.-Commander (S C), U S N (retired).
2. *Ella;* m. George H. Emery of Shapleigh, Aug. 19, 1878.

vi. Priscilla Jeffery, b. Feb. 12, 1836; m. Feb. 23, 1862, Harmon Kimball; d. May 23, 1916.

15. James[3] Patten (*James*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Arundel July 3, 1795. He married, intention May 20, 1820, Olive H. Bickford who was born July 19, 1795, a daughter of Persia Bickford. He married, second, intention November 25, 1846, Jane Wentworth of Biddeford who was born December 25, 1796, and died in Buxton September 25, 1891, aged ninety-four years. Patten was a farmer and carpenter, living in Kennebunkport.

Children, born in Kennebunkport:

i. David F., b. Aug. 11, 1821; m. Nov. 26, 1848, Sarah A. Smith; d. June 17, 1901, in Biddeford, where he had been a farmer; she d. May 11, 1903, in Greeley, Colorado.

Children:

1. *Ella Frances*, b. Feb., 1850; m. Nov. 29, 1866, James Orrin Benson of Biddeford, who d. there May 8, 1900; she d. in Neponset, Mass. Two children.
2. *Mary Olive*, b. July 7, 1852; m. Jan. 25, 1878, James H. Tarbox of Biddeford, who d. Feb. 13, 1930; she d. Sept. 30, 1928. One son and three daughters.
3. *Daniel Wentworth;* d. in Kennebunkport Oct. 23, 1857, aged 4 years, 3 months, 12 days.
4. *Annie Sarah;* m. in Biddeford Dec. 4, 1890, Frank W. Wherron; lived in Greeley, Colorado. Two sons and one daughter.

5 and 6. *Twin sons* who d. young.

ii. Elizabeth, b. July 29, 1823; m., int. Oct. 24, 1846, Thomas Smith, a brother of David F. Patten's wife.

iii. Mary Ann, b. Oct. 11, 1825; m., int. Sept. 20, 1845, William Smith of Saco.

iv. Julia, b. April 8, 1830; m. June 15, 1857, William Lord of Kennebunkport.

16. John Towne[4] Patten (*Johnson*,[3] *James*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Arundel October 19, 1812. He married Sarah Smith who was born in New Hampshire and died in Biddeford July 7, 1888, from burns received through falling down stairs while carrying a lighted lamp.* He died in Biddeford April 24, 1888.

Listed in the 1850 census as a manufacturer, he was employed in the York mills in Saco.

On February 6, 1877, Mr. and Mrs. Patten adopted their two grandchildren, Lucy M. and Addia J. Stubbs, daughters of their deceased daughter Lucy A. (Patten) Stubbs.† Lucy M. Patten, one of these girls, is the Minnie L. Patten, her given names reversed, who died in Biddeford May 19, 1889, aged twenty-two. The other, Addia J. Patten, asked that administration on Patten's small estate be granted to Edwin J. Cram of Biddeford in

* *Biddeford Journal*, July 7, 1888.
† York Probate, No. 18286.

1889,* and died in Boston October 5, 1899, unmarried. Her will left all of her property to William G. Parker and Orrilla E. Parker, his wife, "they always having been kind to me."†

Children:

i. Lucy A., b. June, 1842; m. Aug. 19, 1866, Henry H. Stubbs of Saco. They were divorced upon his petition on Oct. 4, 1869, and she assumed her maiden name. She d. in Biddeford Jan. 16, 1877. Her two daughters, Lucy M., born Nov. 22, 1866, and Addia J., born Feb. 14, 1869, were adopted by their Patten grandparents.
ii. Albert Gallatin, b. Aug. 13, 1844; d. Sept. 6, 1846.
iii. Albert Gallatin, b. Nov. 7, 1847; d. Aug. 13, 1848.
iv. George H., b. Sept. 9, 1853; d. May 9, 1854.

17. James Dorrance[4] Patten (*Johnson*,[3] *James*,[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Kennebunkport August 26, 1817. He married on April 15, 1840, Mary Jane Ware, daughter of Charles and Rebecca Stanwood (Wells) Ware, of Gardiner. He died October 7, 1865, in Saco. She survived until February 8, 1889, aged sixty-eight.

He was educated at Kent's Hill Academy, and began his business life as a builder and contractor in Saco. In 1847 he decided to become a minister of the Methodist-Episcopalian faith and entered the Concord Biblical Institute to prepare himself. Ill health caused him to withdraw, however, and he returned to Saco and became a lumber merchant, his office being on Pepperell Square.

Children:

i. Charles Frederick; drowned in the Saco River May 30, 1861, when 19 years of age.
ii. James Melville (later Melville Coxe); m. May 6, 1873, Elizabeth von Kaas who was b. Sept. 26, 1846, in Bueckeburg, Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany, and d. in 1924; d. Jan. 23, 1923. Mr. Patten conducted the Sheboygan Business College in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Children:

1. *Charles Frederick* (later *Frederick Charles*), b. in Chicago April 10, 1874.
2. *Robert;* d. in childhood.

iii. Mary Florence (later Florence Mary); m. Nov. 24, 1869, Maj. Paul Chadbourne who had a distinguished record in the Civil War, being wounded three times, and who was mayor of Saco in 1876; d. Aug., 1932, survived by one son, Herbert Chadbourne of Boston.
iv. Ella A. (later Nellie A.); m. John Chadwick; d. March 19, 1938, at Southern Pines, North Carolina, survived by one son, John Patten Chadwick of Santiago, Chile.
v. Frances Ware; d. unmarried in Saco Jan. 26, 1889, aged 30.

* York Probate, No. 14624.
† York Probate, No. 14613.

18. Robert[4] Patten (*Johnson,*[3] *James,*[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Kennebunkport February 13, 1823. He left home when he was only seventeen or eighteen years old and journeyed to Louisiana, where he worked at his trade of carpenter. The gold rush of 1849 drew him to California, but in a few years he was back in Louisiana, in Washington Parish, where he became active in lumbering and milling operations. Soon he turned to farming as well, and after the Civil War had a large plantation, raising cattle and hogs, rice and sugar-cane. Transportation facilities were bad, however, and as his children grew up and left the homestead, he began selling off his land, reducing his holdings to two thousand acres (worth only 75¢ an acre in 1879!). After the death of his third wife, he disposed of everything but his home, which passed by his will to his son George. He died in February, 1892.

Robert Patten was married three times. His first wife was Ann Elizabeth Ford, married May 10, 1851. She died shortly after the birth of her child in 1852. He next married on January 19, 1854, Sarah J. Ball who bore him ten children. His third wife, married October 30, 1879, was Adaline (Rankin) Denison.

Child by first wife:

i. Ann Elizabeth, b. March 21, 1852; m. John Rawls; d. March, 1911.

By second wife:

ii. Juliet, b. March 9, 1855; m. Dec. 13, 1876, James Magee.
iii. Charles, b. July 16, 1857; m. Feb. 24, 1876, Sarah Ophelia Pigott.
iv. Laura, b. July 15, 1859; m. Dec. 18, 1879, Walter W. Conley; d. Nov. 6, 1914.
v. Robert, b. Aug. 11, 1861; d. young.
vi. Albert, b. Oct. 25, 1863; m. Geneva Ball.
vii. William, b. Oct. 25, 1865; m. Dec. 22, 1887, Esther (Barnes) Lampton.
viii. Emily, b. Sept. 19, 1868; m. Jan., 1885, Frank L. Ford.
ix. Walter, b. April 11, 1871; m. (1) Sept. 18, 1897, Mary Magee who d. Aug. 1922; m. (2) in 1924 Mesa Pittman.
x. Edgar, b. Sept. 12, 1873; d. young.
xi. George, b. May 17, 1877; m. (1) Aug. 18, 1895, Lillie A. Magee; m. (2) April 21, 1935, Rosa (Hill) Dillon; living (1936) in Angie, La.*

By third wife:

xii. Eliza, b. June 9, 1881; m. Dr. James Hill of Trinity, Texas.

19. Charles Edward[4] Patten (*Johnson,*[3] *James,*[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Kennebunkport October 11, 1828. He married in Utica, New York, Rebecca Ann Edwards, who died in Chicago January 28, 1908, aged eighty. He died in Chicago April 14, 1900.

* George Patten has given me this information regarding his father and his family.

When very young men he and his brother Albert left Kennebunkport and settled in Utica, where they established a carriage factory. By 1870 he had left Utica and had gone to Chicago as a building contractor, remaining there about ten years. In 1880 he and his wife and daughter were living in Minneapolis, but by 1893 they returned to Chicago where he built a house which was their home for the remainder of their lives.

Children:

i. Percifor (Percy), b. in Utica, N. Y., in 1855; m. June 6, 1878, Margaret Reedy who was born in Washington, D. C.; he d. March 29, 1894, in Chicago, of small-pox; she d. March 17, 1907, in Chicago. He was a tin-smith and a dealer in stoves. Of their nine children, *Albert M., Charles, Mary* and *Katy* died in infancy, *Edward* died in 1896 aged 5 years, and the following four daughters survived to maturity.

Children:

1. *Elizabeth Rebecca,* b. Aug. 11, 1881, in Chicago; m. May 1, 1901, Max Robert Struwe, who was b. in Berlin, Germany, Aug. 8, 1876, and d. in Chicago July 8, 1927; three sons.
2. *Mabel,* b. 1886; d., unmarried, in 1917, in Chicago.
3. *Olive,* b. Jan. 1, 1889, in Chicago; m. Roscoe Graham, who was b. in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 25, 1885; two children.
4. *Hazel Edwards,* b. Nov. 9, 1893, in Chicago; m. July 6, 1915, Roy Sneath, who was b. Oct. 24, 1893, in Chicago, a carpenter and builder; four children.

ii. Elizabeth Edwards, b. in Boston Feb. 25, 1859; m. Albert Kirk Ordway in Minneapolis, Minn.; d. April 7, 1932, at Oak Park, Ill. He was a tailor, was born March 30, 1854, at West Edmeston, N. Y., and d. before 1900 in Baltimore.

Children, born in Chicago:

1. *Allie May Ordway;* d. in infancy.
2. *Elizabeth Ordway,* b. Oct. 18, 1881; m. Joseph William Schertz, a civil engineer, who was b. July 17, 1881, at Tiskilwa, Ill.; she d. Sept. 24, 1934, at Oak Park, Ill.; two children.

iii. Edward, b. in Boston about 1861; a sailor, who made his home with his brother Percy in Chicago; disappeared before the death of his father in 1900 and has not been heard from since by his family; unmarried in 1900; he is doubtless dead, *s.p.*

20. Albert Gallatin Nason[4] Patten (*Johnson,*[3] *James,*[2] *Robert*[1]) was born in Kennebunkport January 6, 1831. He was married in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Rev. William Eggleston, March 16, 1868, to Martha Elizabeth Hunt, who was born February 14, 1846, at Greensborough, Indiana, and died March 16, 1922, in Minneapolis. He died at Princeton, Minnesota, February 3, 1893.

In his youth Albert Patten went to Utica with his brother Charles and owned a share in the carriage factory, but after his brother's marriage he sold his interest to his sister-in-law and went to sea with his uncle Robert Patten, being made second mate within a few months. When his uncle retired, Albert returned to the United States from Australia and joined the regular army, enlisting July 15, 1854, and described as twenty-three years old, five feet five inches tall, blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion and a carriage-maker by trade. He was assigned to the Second Regiment of U. S. Infantry which was stationed on the Minnesota frontier to protect settlers from the Indians. He was discharged as a sergeant in 1859, and again went to sea, visiting his uncle in Australia where he was when the Civil War broke out. Starting home to enlist, he was shipwrecked (for the third time in his career) and finally enlisted in the Union army in New Jersey April 4, 1865, being assigned to Co. C., First Battalion of New Jersey Infantry, and being discharged on June 29 of that year.

The war being over, Patten went to Minnesota and took up a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Wright County and lived there for about a year when he went to Minneapolis and secured work in the Milwaukee Railroad shops. While there he married and with his wife went back to his Wright County land. This was later sold and other land bought, an acre of which he deeded to the community for a church site and for the cemetery where he is buried.

Children:

i. Percifor Francis, b. Nov. 11, 1869; d. Dec. 1882.
ii. William Allen, b. Sept. 2, 1871; living, unmarried, with his sister Mrs. Rose (1937).
iii. Susan Anna, b. Oct. 8, 1876; d. March, 1877.
iv. Maude Gertrude, b. Nov. 22, 1878; m. Sept. 10, 1904, Alexander Fraser Rose of Crieff, Scotland, a consulting engineer practicing in New York and living at Great Neck, Long Island (1937).

Children:

1. *Mary Florence Rose,* b. Aug. 28, 1905.
2. *William Allen Rose,* b. July 14, 1907; m. July 3, 1937, Josephine Anna Grohe.
3. *Alexenia Fraser Rose,* b. Feb. 19, 1909; m. Oct. 7, 1934, Thomas Alexander Elder.

V

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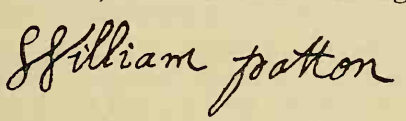
1. William Patten, blacksmith, an Ulster Scot, his wife Jane and probably at least one small daughter, emigrated from Ireland and came to Wells, Maine, by 1725. Another Patten, Matthew, was already in Wells, as were several other Protestant Irish families who had arrived from 1719 to 1722, the Boothbys and Jepsons from Mog-Water, the Wiers from Derg, the Kilpatricks and Pages from Donathkedy,* the Symingtons from Strabane, co. Tyrone, Bryce McLellan and his wife Jane from Ballymoney, co. Antrim, and the Rosses from Sligo.†



Patten's first appearance in the records is as a witness to a Wells deed, Thomas Perkins to Forrest Delzell, in 1725.‡ In 1728 he was contemplating settlement in Falmouth and the town meeting of that community voted that he and others be admitted inhabitants provided that they pay £10 and arrive within twelve months.§ Apparently Patten did not fulfill this obligation but he continued to be interested in Falmouth and bought from Capt. Benjamin Larrabee a house and three acres there, between Back or Queen Street and Back Cove in 1730/1, and from David Franklin an acre of land and a log house in April, 1731.‖

Patten continued to live in Wells, and in 1735 he was in serious trouble there. With several others he was accused and tried for taking part in forging and uttering public bills of credit. If found guilty, which is probable, his punishment did not involve long imprisonment, and the Wells church voted that, if he make public confession, which he did, "protesting sincere repentence," he be readmitted to fellowship.

From this episode we learn that William Patten had a brother in Wells. Samuel Patton had witnessed a Wells deed, Daniel Bayley to Ebenezer Simpson, in 1734,¶ and in 1735 he testified that he had recently left Wells with intent to go to Newcastle in

* See *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, 75: 42 *et seq.*

† Neither Mog-Water nor Derg appear in the *Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* as towns or villages, but Derg is a river in co. Donegal. Donathkedy is possibly Donaghadee, co. Down, or Donaghadee, co. Donegal. There is also Donaghcavey, co. Tyrone.

‡ York Deeds, 17: 337.

§ York Deeds, 13: 184.

‖ York Deeds, 14: 73.

¶ York Deeds, 17: 185.

Pennsylvania because the people would not let him live in Wells now that his brother William had been arrested for passing counterfeit money.* There was also a Michael Patten who appears in Wells but once, as witness to a deed, Samuel Clark to Eleazer Clark in 1734/5,† and a Mary Paten who married Joshua Eaton in Wells September 22, 1738, and died after the birth of her daughter Sarah in 1739. Both were doubtless related to William Patten in some degree.

In 1739, for parental love and affection William Patten deeded to his four sons Thomas, William, Hans and John, minors, all his lands in Falmouth or elsewhere, each to get his share when he came of age. Hugh McLellan of Gorham witnessed the deed.‡ Having given up any prospect of moving from Wells, he bought from Enoch Davis, in three lots, seventy-six acres in Wells, which presumably became his homestead, in 1741 and 1742.§

In spite of his deed to his sons, not then recorded and possibly not delivered, he sold the acre lot and log house bought from Franklin to Jedediah Preble in 1748/9 for £300, and, to clear his title, had to get a conveyance from Robert Patterson, trader, of Biddeford, not only of the Franklin acre but of the Larrabee three acres. From this instrument it appears that Patten had verbally sold both properties to James McLellan, who, in 1735, had sold them to Patterson.‖

Shortly before his death William Patten signed a document dated January 17, 1752, and recorded as a deed, by which his gift of land to his four sons in 1739 was confirmed but also arranging for payments of £13 : 6 : 8 to his three married daughters Susannah Simonton, Agnes Gillison and Mary Baston and £40 to his unmarried daughters Elizabeth and Sarah Patten when they became eighteen years of age.¶ His widow, Jane Patten, was appointed administratrix of his estate April 6, 1752, and presented inventories on July 1 and July 8, 1754, the latter including one-eighth of a sloop.** The sons, Thomas Patten, blacksmith, William Patten, mariner, Hans Patten, laborer, and John Patten, laborer, all of Wells, sold their father's acre lot (possibly a town grant) on Falmouth Neck to John Miller, tailor, January 9, 1759.††

* Supreme Judicial Court of Mass., No. 41875.
† York Deeds, 17 : 171.
‡ York Deeds, 29 : 173.
§ York Deeds, 22 : 241 ; 23 : 65, 160.
‖ York Deeds, 27 : 243 ; 28 : 93.
¶ York Deeds, 29 : 174.
** York Probate, No. 14632.
†† York Deeds, 36 : 38.

Widow Jane Patten bought five acres in Wells from John McDaniel of Narrangansett No. 7 on February 10, 1755.* There is no record of her death.

Children, recorded in Wells:

i. Susanna; m. Walter Symington of Wells and Cape Elizabeth (Simonton's Cove).
ii. Agnes; m., int. July 8, 1749, Benjamin Jellison.
iii. Mary, bapt. April 10, 1728; m. March 23, 1748/9, Shebuel Baston.
iv. Thomas, bapt. Nov. 23, 1729; blacksmith; d. in 1760, *s.p.*; administration on his estate granted to his brother William Patten Oct. 10, 1760.†
2. v. William, bapt. Nov. 28, 1731.
vi. James, bapt. April 15, 1733; d. before 1739.
3. vii. Hans, bapt. June 18, 1735.
viii. Martha, bapt. June 26, 1737; d. before 1752.
ix. John, bapt. May 28, 1738; mariner in Wells in 1759; no further record.
x. Elizabeth, bapt. May 4, 1739; m. May 3, 1763, Amos Hatch.
xi. Sarah, bapt. July 11, 1742; m. July 21, 1765, Samuel Gooch.

2. William[2] Patten (*William*[1]) was baptized in Wells November 28, 1731. He married Priscilla Harmon, daughter of Johnson and Deborah (Harmon) Harmon of York, Oct. 1753 (int. in Wells September 2, 1753). Both owned the covenant of Wells Church in 1756 when their first child was baptized. He died before November 13, 1796, when she married Jeremiah Stevens of Wells.

Patten was a mariner. He joined his wife in a series of deeds from 1754 to 1756 by which she disposed of her inheritance in Harmon and Moulton lands in York.‡

He served as sergeant in Capt. Joshua Bragdon's company of "minute men" who enlisted on April 21, 1775, when the news of Lexington arrived, and marched to Cambridge. There is also record of his service under Capt. Bragdon, in Col. Scammon's regiment, from May 3 to October, 1775.

Children, recorded in Wells:

i. Susanna, bapt. Feb. 8, 1756; m. Feb. 2, 1775, Isaac Bourne.
ii. William, bapt. June 5, 1757; no further record.
iii. Johnson Harmon, bapt. July 12, 1761; no further record.
iv. Capt. John; m. in Gloucester Nov. 16, 1794, Lydia Robinson, who d. in Gloucester Jan. 19, 1821, aged 51.

* York Deeds, 30: 341.
† York Probate, 10: 207.
‡ York Deeds, 30: 319, 341; 31: 198, 199; 34: 139.

Children, recorded in Gloucester:

1. *Samuel Robinson*, b. June 17, 1797. He may be the Samuel Patten, aged 63 and born in Maine, who was a miller in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, in 1860.
2. *Priscilla Harmon*, b. July 13, 1800.

3. Capt. Hans[2] Patten (*William*[1]) was baptized June 18, 1735, in Wells. His first wife, whom he married December 3, 1759, was Abigail Littlefield, daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail Littlefield of Wells. Upon her death (after 1776), he married Joanna (Bourne) Cousins, widow of William Cousins, on January 6, 1779. His third wife was Susanna Woodward of York, int. in Wells March 18, 1786. Capt. Hans Patten's death is recorded in Wells April 1, 1828, aged ninety-three. His widow died January 9, 1830, "of old age."

He owned the covenant of Wells Church in 1761 and was admitted to full communion in 1778. He was lieutenant of Capt. Joshua Bragdon's company of militia which marched to Cambridge in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775. He was also 1st lieutenant in Capt. Daniel Littlefield's company, Col. Ebenezer Sayer's (1st Yorkshire) regiment of Eastern Militia, the officers being commissioned by orders in council June 25, 1776. From May 19 to July 17, 1777, he served in Rhode Island as lieutenant of Capt. Abel Moulton's company, Col. Jonathan Titcomb's regiment, and on June 3, 1779, he was commissioned captain of the 2d company in Col. Edward Grow's regiment of Massachusetts militia.

In Wells, on April 27, 1780, he was one of the town's committee to consider "The Declaration and Frame of the Constitution formed and agreed upon by the Convention of this State" and that same year he was on the Wells committee to raise a bounty for Revolutionary soldiers. The next year, 1781, he was a member of the committee to provide for the families of non-commissioned officers and privates.

Children, by first wife, baptized in Wells:

i. Jane, bapt. Feb. 8, 1761; m. Aug. 12, 1784, Joseph Hobbs, Jr.
ii. Jeremiah, bapt. July 17, 1763; no further record.
iii. Thomas, bapt. June 30, 1765; no further record.
iv. Abigail, bapt. Aug. 3, 1767; m. Nov. 15, 1787, Thomas Hobbs.
4. v. Joseph, bapt. Jan. 28, 1770.
vi. Elizabeth, bapt. March 22, 1772; no further record.
vii. Lydia, bapt. May 29, 1774; m. April 4, 1793, Joseph Littlefield, 3d.
viii. James Littlefield, bapt. Oct. 20, 1776; no further record.

By second wife:

5. ix. Robert, bapt. June 25, 1780.

4. Joseph[3] Patten (*Hans*,[2] *William*[1]) was baptized in Wells January 28, 1770. Soon after he came of age he moved to Columbia in Washington County and set up a blacksmith's forge. He married Phebe Wilson, daughter of Joseph Wilson, who was born in Columbia January 23, 1775.

Patten was a justice of the peace in Columbia and the town's first town clerk. Much interested in the Masonic order, he was a founder of the local Ionic Lodge. In addition to his principal trade, he built and had a large stake in ships. The situation at sea which led to the War of 1812 brought him heavy losses, and when war was declared he decided to move his family to the west.

The journey to Centerville, Pennsylvania, not far from Lake Erie, was made in the winter, his family and property travelling in heavy sleighs drawn by his own horses and oxen. Their new home was in an unbroken forest, but, having cleared a large farm, Patten regained some measure of prosperity in the raising of wheat which he marketed at Erie. He was the first justice of the peace in Rome township, in which Centerville lay, a commissioner of Crawford County in 1829, and held other local offices. He died March 26, 1843, aged seventy-three.

In Columbia tradition states that Joseph Patten had thirteen children when he left the town, probably an exaggeration. As town clerk he recorded only four, but there were undoubtedly others born in Columbia, and at least one is said to have been born in Centerville.

Children:*

i. Hans, b. Oct. 26, 1794.
ii. Jane, b. Sept. 13, 1796.
iii. Melissa, b. June 17, 1798.
iv. Pickering, b. Dec. 7, 1799. He was a farmer in Centerville, according to the 1850 census, with a wife Mary Ann and a son "J. W." (Joseph Wilson?), aged two. Also in his family was a boy named Alexander McCray, aged eight, which may indicate that Mary Ann Patten had been a widow McCray. From a record in Washington County, Maine, it is obvious that Pickering Patten had a previous wife, Susan, who had gone back to Columbia and had died before 1850. In 1860 he and his wife were living alone.

Child, by wife Susan:

1. *Louise M.* A minor over fourteen, child and heir of Susan Patten, deceased, late of Columbia, wife of Pickering Patten, she nominated a guardian Oct. 8, 1850.†

* Grace Patten, aged forty-one, born in Connecticut, was living in Centerville in 1850. She was possibly the widow of another son of Joseph Patten. No children were listed in the 1850 census and her name does not appear in that of 1860.

† Washington County Probate.

By wife Mary Ann:

2. *J. W.* (*Joseph Wilson?*); aged 2 in 1850; d. before 1860.

v. Thomas J.; m. Lucinda Warner Phillips who was born in Northampton, Mass. He was a carpenter and farmer in Centerville until the California "gold-rush" of 1849, when he went west to construct quartz mills and remained there in various mining interests. His wife died in Centerville Sept. 27, 1887.

Children:

1. *J. W.* (*Joseph Wilson?*), aged 11 in 1850; killed in action at Atlanta in the Civil War.
2. *Melissa,* aged 9 in 1850.
3. *Abigail,* aged 7 in 1850.
4. *Winfield,* aged 2 in 1850.
5. *Thomas J.,* b. July 21, 1850; m. (1) April, 1872, Kate Gilborn who d. Oct. 1875; m. (2) Nov. 11, 1877, Ella M. Saunders; four children by second wife.

5. Robert[3] Patten (*Hans,*[2] *William*[1]) was baptized in Wells June 25, 1780. He married, int. in Wells October 6, 1804, Elizabeth Wells. He was a ship carpenter. He died in Wells July 25, 1819, aged thirty-nine, of consumption, and his widow died of the same disease January 12, 1823, aged forty-seven. He made his will, calling himself yeoman, July 19 and it was proved October 4, 1819. He left to his wife one-half of his real estate in Wells (for her life only) and all of his household goods, and named her executrix. To his only son Hans went one-half of the real estate when he became of age and the other half upon the death of his mother. To each of his daughters Joanna and Jane he left $40 and the use of a room in his house. Isaac Bourne, who had married his cousin, Susanna Patten, was named guardian of the children October 4, 1819.* Joanna Patten was appointed administratrix *cum testamento annexo* in 1825.

Children:

i. Joanna, b. Jan. 9, 1806; m. her cousin Patten Littlefield, int. Aug. 8, 1829.

ii. Hans, b. April 29, 1808; bapt. in Wells, his father dead, Dec. 26, 1822; chose Joshua Hubbard of Wells his guardian April 19, 1823.† In 1829 he sold all his interest in his father's land and buildings.‡ He married Alice Kimball, int. Dec. 17, 1831. They were both living in 1839,§ but no later record is found. They were in all probability the parents of two young Pattens who were the only representatives of the name in Wells in 1850 when the census was taken but who do not appear in the 1860 census.

* York Probate, No. 14629.
† York Probate, No. 14616.
‡ York Deeds, 213: 74.
§ York Deeds, 166: 134.

1. *Theodosia,* b. in 1833; living in the family of Otis Winn in 1850.
2. *William,* b. in 1835; living in the family of John Tibbetts in 1850.

iii. Samuel, b. Feb. 15, d. March, 1810.
iv. Jane, b. June 5, 1811; chose Joshua Hubbard of Wells her guardian Oct. 16, 1826.

VI

JOHNSTON OF STROUDWATER

JOHNSTON

1. James Johnston. For the presence in Maine of the father of James and John Johnston of Scarborough and Stroudwater there has been found no documentary evidence whatsoever. The tradition that he, an old man, came with his sons, has persisted among his descendants, however, in a very definite form, and from a very early date. Hugh McLellan, the historian of Gorham, born in 1805, began while still a boy to collect historical and genealogical material from the older members of his family. He must have known Margaret Johnston, the wife of his great-uncle, Alexander McLellan of Gorham, who was born about 1744 and died in 1820 and was the youngest child of James Johnston (the son) of Stroudwater, and of course knew her children, his cousins and neighbors, intimately. Margaret McLellan doubtless heard the facts of her family's emigration from the lips of her father, and it would seem that only from such an informant could Hugh McLellan have learned that: "James Johnson left Auckley,* Scotland, for the North of Ireland, where he remained until about 1732 when he came to America and settled at Scarborough. He had two sons, John and James." George Johnson of Stroudwater, born in 1820, a great-grandson of James Johnston (the son) through his father and a great-great-grandson of John Johnston through his mother, said: "The family descends from James Johnson, who emigrated from Ireland in 1733, and settled in what is now the town of Scarborough or Cape Elizabeth. He died in 1740. His ancestors emigrated from Scotland to Ireland during the McGregor war. He had two sons, James and John." In another branch of the family the tradition is as follows: "James Johnson came from the north of Ireland to this country about 1735 with other Scotch-Irish emigrants. He was born in Scotland in 1663 and married there, his wife's name being unknown. During the McGregor war, in 1692-1695, he moved to the north of Ireland. From there he came first to Wells, Maine, thence to Spurwink where he died in 1740. He had two sons, James and John."

It is highly probable, therefore, that James Johnston, about seventy years of age, accompanied his sons James and John and their families from Ireland to New England. John Johnston was at Scarborough in May, 1732, so, if the Johnstons were first at Wells with the large group of Ulstermen which arrived in that

* Topographical dictionaries of Scotland do not list Auckley. The Johnstons or Johnstones are centered in Kirkcudbright and constitute one of the great lowland clans.

town at about that time, their emigration would seem to have taken place about the year 1730.

Children:

2. i. JAMES.
3. ii. JOHN.

2. JAMES[2] JOHNSTON (*James*[1]), is said, by family tradition, to have died in 1774, aged eighty-four, which would make 1690 the year of his birth. His wife Jane, presumably married in Ireland, is said to have lived to the age of ninety-four, but neither record nor tradition states the date of her death.

James Johnston, who would have been about forty years old when he came to Scarborough, was a weaver by trade, but his activities speedily became diversified. Mary Stevens stated in a deposition that her former husband, Mr. Thomas Magoon, lived in a ferry house belonging to Mr. Timothy Prout about the year 1729 or 1730 "and after him lived James Johnson in said ferry house for about the space of seven years."* In October, 1740, Mr. Prout petitioned the county court that James Johnson of Scarborough, husbandman and his tenant, might be licensed to keep a ferry over the Black Point River by the harbor's mouth, persons with a horse to be charged 15*d.* for the service and foot passengers 6*d.*† In 1742, and possibly before, Johnston was licensed to keep an inn and he was called inn-keeper in a suit which he brought in January, 1745-6, against Joseph Sawyer of Falmouth involving a barrel of molasses and a barrel of rum.‡

In 1737, signing his name *Johnston*, he witnessed a deed from Joseph Poak to James Maxwell, both Ulstermen, of nine acres at Black Point,§ and in 1740 he and wife Jane witnessed a lease to John Libby.‖

After living as tenant of Mr. Prout for seven years, James Johnston bought land from Col. Waldo at Stroudwater which had become the center of a trade in lumber and headquarters for the cutting of masts for the Royal Navy. Johnston's deed for one hundred acres, in which he is called a farmer, of Scarborough, is dated October 2, 1747.¶ On this land he built a large house, and with his brother John and their sons he entered upon a successful lumbering business. In 1749 the two brothers owned a sixth interest in the lower Stroudwater saw-mill, and in the ledger of Mr.

* York Court Files, July, 1748.
† York Court of Sessions, x: 279.
‡ York Court Files.
§ York Deeds, 21: 42.
‖ Southgate ms. in library of New England Historic-Genealogical Society.
¶ York Deeds, 26: 250.

Jones, the Stroudwater trader, in which his name is consistently spelled *Johnston*, his purchases of cloth, handkerchiefs, oil, tobacco, rum and molasses were balanced by payments in timber, boards and masts. His sons George, James and John also ran similar accounts with Jones. In the Johnson Papers (Maine Historical Society) is a paper-covered book headed "The A Count of Bords Delevered in Partnorship betwixt James Johnson and George Johnson in the year 1757." Later generations have used the book for various notes and accounts. James Johnson was listed in the Stroudwater "alarm list" in 1757.

He and his wife Jane deeded forty acres of the Waldo grant to their son George in 1753, when he was again called a weaver, and the remaining sixty acres to his son John in 1767.* As his son James was not designated as *Jr.* in 1777, it is probable that the traditional year of his death, 1774, is correct.

Children:

i. Florence; m. Robert Patten of Arundel Dec. 26, 1743, by Rev. William Tompson of Scarborough. (*See Patten.*)

ii. Eleanor; m. John Means, son of Robert and Jane (Armstrong) Means of Rogers Garden, Saco, Dec. 25, 1748. Means d. March 16, 1776, in his 48th year, and was buried on his farm near the present Old Orchard railroad station. She d. Sept. 18, 1789, aged 60. Among her many children was Major James Means, who served with distinction in the Revolution, was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati and built the fine old mansion, still standing (1941) at Stroudwater, in which he entertained the Marquis de Lafayette for an hour in 1824.

4. iii. George.

5. iv. James, b. March 22, 1735.

6. v. John, b. May 14, 1737.

vi. Margaret, b. about 1744; m. (1) Oct. 21, 1765, Capt. Alexander McLellan, son of Hugh and Elizabeth (McLellan) McLellan of Gorham; after his death on Oct. 4, 1779, due to the exposure and privation endured during his service in the Revolution, in which he commanded the Gorham company in Col. Jonathan Mitchell's regiment, she m. (2) April 15, 1781, John Miller, son of James Miller of Cape Elizabeth, who came to Gorham and lived on her first husband's farm on Fort Hill road; she d. March 20, 1820, aged 76, and he d. two months later, May 26, aged 75, both being buried in the McLellan tomb; she had eight McLellan children and three Miller children.

3. John[2] Johnston (*James*[1]) is even less a subject of public record than his brother James. Tradition has not named the year of his birth, the name of his wife nor the date of his death. He first appears as a member of a jury of inquest on the body of William Roberts, the son of John Roberts of Falmouth, who was found drowned at Stroudwater, on May 18, 1732.† He was a weaver, as

* Cumberland Deeds, 5: 109, 102.
† Supreme Judicial Court, No. 83673.

was his brother, and lived as a tenant of Mr. Timothy Prout on Getchell's Farm on the Spurwink River. Mary Drisco made a deposition in 1750, saying that her brother John Getchell came to a place called Bartlett's about twenty-two years ago, "the same house where John Johnson dwelt afterwards," and the original lease survives which Mrs. Prout gave to John Johnson of Scarborough, weaver, Nov. 1746, of Getchell's Farm "in possession of the said John Johnson for nine years past."* In 1736/7 he was elected a tythingman of Scarborough and in 1740/1 he filled the minor office of fence-viewer.

Johnston's first association with Col. Samuel Waldo was in 1734 when he witnessed a deed to Waldo from Moses Pearson of Falmouth.† He was still of Scarborough August 1, 1748, when David Stickney gave a note for £52 to Mr. John Johnson of that town, although on October 2, 1747, the same day as his brother's purchase, he had bought from Col. Waldo one hundred acres at Stroudwater a mile west of the village on both sides of the road to Buxton, where he later built a house.‡ In 1751 John Small, surveyor, reported that the lot measured only eighty acres instead of one hundred.

With his brother, John Johnston entered the lumber business, as shown in the Jones account book, and also shared in the Lower Stroudwater mill. His account with Jones for rum, molasses, velvet, black-lace, coffee etc. was paid in boards, while his "son Warren," to whom some of his father-in-law's purchases were delivered, paid in blacksmith's work.

He and his wife were admitted to the first church at Falmouth between 1753 and 1755, and dismissed to form the fourth church in 1765.

In 1755 Johnston deeded one half of his home farm to his son Robert in consideration of £100 in labor.§ The other half must have fallen to Robert by inheritance as he was eventually in possession of the whole.

Children:

7. i. Robert.
   ii. Jane, b. June 15, 1740; m. Dec. 25, 1755, John Warren, blacksmith, son of John and Mary (Heard) Warren of Berwick. In 1761 Warren bought a farm of sixty-two acres on the north side of the road leading from Stroudwater to Saccarappa, one mile from the latter village, from George Tate. He d. Jan. 1, 1807, and his widow on Nov. 18, 1809. They were buried at Stroudwater, but later their remains were placed in a family tomb at Saccarappa. They had twelve children, born 1756-1782.

* Supreme Judicial Court, No. 137015.
† York Deeds, 26: 160.
‡ York Deeds, 26: 249.
§ Cumberland Deeds, 3: 238.

4. George[3] Johnson (*James*,[2] *James*[1]) was presumably born in Ireland, between the years 1725 and 1730. He married Mary Jackson, daughter of Francis Jackson of Cape Elizabeth, intention June 25, 1752, at the First Parish Church in Falmouth and he and his wife were admitted to that church, on confession of faith, that year. In 1753 his father conveyed to him forty acres of the homestead farm "whereon he now dwelleth" and this was probably the site of his house until he sold it to his brother John on June 19, 1771.*

With his cousin Robert Johnson he settled an account for their fathers, James and John Johnston (so spelled throughout) on January 12, 1750, by which 3,134 feet of merchantable boards were to be applied to a debt which they owed to Samuel Waldo, Esq.†

George Johnson does not seem to have continued the family lumber business but devoted himself entirely to farming. In the census of 1790 his family (Johnston) consisted of two males over sixteen, one male under sixteen and four females.

Johnson's death is not recorded, but his estate was settled by a deed, dated December 12, 1806, by which Oliver Johnson of Gorham, yeoman, Nehemiah Skillin and wife Sally of Gorham, Anna Bixby of Falmouth, Frank Johnson of Falmouth, Alexander Alexander and wife Mary of Falmouth and Richard Gardiner and wife Eleanor of Otisfield conveyed all of their interest in the real estate which descended to them as heirs of George Johnson, late of Falmouth, to Jeremiah Johnson, yeoman, of Falmouth.‡

Children:

i. George; m. Dec. 8, 1778, Anne Quimby. He was a private in Capt. John Brackett's company of "minute-men" who marched from Falmouth on April 21, 1775, on receipt of the news of the Battle of Lexington, and again enlisted under Capt. Brackett on May 10, 1775, and proceeded to headquarters at Cambridge on July 3. The company return, dated Sept. 29, 1775, includes an abstract of his pay from July 31, and he received an order for a bounty coat on Oct. 24 at Cambridge.

Beginning in 1782 a long series of deeds testifies to his activity as a mill-man and lumber operator in the town of Gorham, although he maintained his home in Falmouth. In 1784 he and his brother-in-law Moses Quimby bought out the interest of the other Quimby heirs in stream rights and a grist-mill§ and in 1787 he purchased from Joseph Libby of Gorham a saw-mill on the "4th Great Falls of Presumpscot River."‖ In 1802 he deeded to his son Oliver thirty-five acres and a saw-mill at Horsebeef Falls in Gorham,

* Cumberland Deeds, 5: 100, 367.
† York Court Files.
‡ Cumberland Deeds, 51: 283.
§ Cumberland Deeds, 14: 17.
‖ Cumberland Deeds, 15: 511.

presumably the one purchased from Libby, and "half the house I now dwell in."*

Children:

1. *Oliver;* m. int. March 29, 1801, Betty Quimby in Gorham. There are also two marriages in Portland which may be his (or a son's): Oliver Johnson and Eleanor Delande Feb. 12, 1824, and Oliver Johnson and Phebe Delande Feb. 16, 1825. He was administrator of his father's estate in 1804. In 1837, of Portland, he sold to Nathan Winslow all interest in the land and water-fall at Horsebeef Falls, including the farm formerly owned by his father George Johnson, except any title which he had acquired within twelve months.†
2. *Nancy;* m. Nathaniel Knight of Windham; drowned at South Windham Feb. 22, 1807, when her horse went off a bridge. She deeded all interest in her father's estate to her brother Oliver in 1804.‡
3. *Charlotte;* m. Edmund Griffin of Gorham. She deeded her interest in her father's estate to Oliver in 1807.§
4. *Benjamin Franklin;* m. Dec. 5, 1815, Lydia Libby. Children: Albion K., George W. (m. April 30, 1854, Charlotte Libby), William H. (b. April 23, 1822; m. (1) Jane Parker, (2) Mary L. Shaw, (3) Eliza Parker, d. Feb. 15, 1866), Charlotte (m. Feb. 1, 1844, William B. Libby) and Mellen (d. young).

ii. Sarah; m. Nov. 26, 1789, Nehemiah Skillin of Gorham.

iii. Anna; m. (1) by Rev. Caleb Bradley Dec. 17, 1800, John Bixby of Falmouth, blacksmith, and was his widow in 1806; m. (2) —— Sinnett?; m. (3) as "widow Ann Sinnett daughter of George Johnson" Feb. 12, 1828, Amos Sinnett. Possibly the clerk wrote her down Sinnett in error.

iv. Francis. His father deeded him twenty-five acres opposite his brother Jeremiah's farm. He d. unmarried.

v. Mary; m. before 1806 Alexander Alexander who was a tanner in Falmouth in 1811.

vi. Eleanor; m. by Rev. Caleb Bradley, May 21, 1801, Richard Gardiner of Otisfield.

vii. Jeremiah; m. July 26, 1804, Hannah Hatch. His father deeded him forty acres of his farm and in 1806 he purchased the remainder of it from his brothers and sisters or their representatives. He died in 1847 and his widow in 1865.

Children:

1. *Gardner,* b. in 1805; d. unmarried in 1883.
2. *Nathaniel Hatch,* b. in 1807; m. (1) Priscilla D. Sawyer of Buxton, int. July 10, 1831; m. (2) Oct. 23, 1845, Mary Meserve of Scarborough; d. in Westbrook Dec. 24, 1891.
3. *Elizabeth Hatch,* b. in 1809; m., int. Jan. 1, 1834, William Johnson, son of Richard and Eunice (Trickey) Johnson; d. Jan. 4, 1838.
4. *Mary,* b. in 1811; d. unmarried in 1845.
5. *Abigail,* b. in 1812; d. unmarried in 1865.
6. *Rufus,* b. in 1815; d. unmarried in 1891.
7. *Harriet,* b. in 1826; d. unmarried in 1856.

* Cumberland Deeds, 38: 524.
† Cumberland Deeds, 151: 116.
‡ Cumberland Deeds, 55: 506.
§ Cumberland Deeds, 55: 507.

5. Major James Johnson[3] (*James*,[2] *James*[1]) was born March 22, 1735. He married Elizabeth Porterfield, daughter of William Porterfield of Stroudwater January 20, 1759. She died in Portland September 14, 1812, aged seventy-four, and he died in the same town June 16, 1831, aged ninety-six.

Johnson settled on a farm on the road from Stroudwater to Saccarappa about one mile from the latter village. His chief business, however, was lumbering, in the name James Johnson & Co., under government license by which he supplied masts to the British navy. His partners were his brothers George and John and William Porterfield, and they were actively engaged by 1769.

His military career, long and distinguished, began in 1754 when he was a member of Gov. Shirley's guard at Falmouth when Shirley negotiated and signed his treaty with the Indians. In 1757 he was a private in Capt. Skilling's company in the French and Indian War. A member of Capt. John Brackett's Company of militia, he started for Boston when the news of Lexington reached Falmouth in the early morning of April 21, 1775, but at Wells Capt. Brackett was ordered back to guard his own important and exposed seaport. On April 24 Johnson was made first lieutenant of the company which by July had marched to Cambridge and made a part of Col. Edmund Phinney's regiment. Two letters which he wrote to his brother from Cambridge have been preserved:

"Cambridge fort No 2 Augt 31 1775

Dear brother This comes to let you know that I am in a very poor estate of health at present but [thank] God a great deal better. I am now in the country three miles out of Cambridge where I have very good care taken of me. I have been absent from duty near twenty [days] but hope soon to be able to return to the camp. So no more at present but hope this will find you and your family in good health. Remember me to all friends for I cannot write no more for I have blisters on both my arms.

James Johnson

To John Johnson."

"Cambridge fort N. 2 Disr 2d 1775

Mr. Jno. Johnson Jr.

Sr. I received yours by the hand of Lieut. Partridge which tells me that you and your family is well as I am at present thanks be to God for it, and I hear that you are chosen in the honorable place of a Selectman & I hope you will exceed all in virtue that ever sat in that chair of office before you. But to talk of our

business I have enclosed to you a letter to General Frye the contents of which is to let him know that we want him to keep a vacancy for a good Compy for we are minded to come home and defend that part of the country which will more appear in the letter Pray keep this as private as you can but when it [comes] to your hand go yourself and carry it and recommend us as far as reason. We think it a great hardship as we have spent the summer season and now want to come home. If there is men under pay there we think we ought to be the men. You be sure I shall pay all the regard to your letter as quick as possible but we have had but one month's pay since I see you. We are now making muster rolls for pay. So no more at present but forward this letter as soon as it comes to hand. Remain your friend & brother

JAMES JOHNSON

We are still urged to stay here but would rather come there."*

During that summer Capt. Brackett had died and the command of the company had fallen to Johnson, who received his commission as captain on October 6, with rank as such from July 1. His second letter well illustrates the difficulties Washington had to contend with in welding an undisciplined provincial militia into an army. Shortly after its dispatch he received his discharge. He promptly re-entered the service under Col. Phinney, however, the regiment being stationed near Boston until August, 1776, when it was ordered to Fort Ticonderoga from where he was sent to Mount Independence until his discharge at the end of the year. The remainder of his service was at Falmouth as major under Col. Nathaniel Jordan for two months in the latter part of 1779 and with the same rank under Col. Joseph Prime for about six months from May 22, 1780.

In 1785, for £206 in specie, a group of Revolutionary soldiers, Moses Morrill of New Gloucester, Esq., John Kibby Smith, Esq., James Johnson, Esq., Jesse Partridge, gentleman, and Aaron Chamberlain, saddler, purchased eighteen hundred acres "between Raymond town and Baker's town" in what became known as Thompson's Pond Plantation. It was a "gore," without the bounds of any organized township, and it was nearly twenty-five years before it was divided and annexed to the surrounding communities. In 1793 the purchase was divided, lots No. 14 and No. 16 falling to Johnson, and on the great hill still bearing his name he settled. He had sold his Stroudwater farm to Samuel Butts of Portland on July 21, 1791, describing it as a lot of twenty acres

* Johnson MS., Maine Historical Society.

purchased October 15, 1767, a lot of forty acres purchased May 3, 1768, and a lot held in common with William Porterfield, Jr., of one hundred and nine acres, with buildings, purchased September 17, 1768.

Children, born in Stroudwater:

i. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 16, 1759; m. Hannah ——. His father deeded to him one hundred acres at Thompson's Pond Plantation on Oct. 13, 1796.* He died there April 9, 1845.†

ii. MARTHA, b. Feb. 16, 1761; m., int. June 11, 1780, Robert McLaughlin of Scarborough; d. June 9, 1851.

iii. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 10, 1763. His father deeded to him Lot 16 in Thompson's Pond Plantation (100 acres) on Oct. 13, 1796.‡ He died Oct. 26, 1840.

iv. JAMES, b. March, d. April 2, 1765.

v. CATHERINE, b. Dec. 16, 1766; d. Aug. 5, 1812.

vi. NANCY, b. Dec. 19, 1768; m. Moses Hodgdon; d. Oct. 2, 1845.

vii. JEREMIAH, b. March 19, 1771; m. June 15, 1794, Mary Knight, daughter of George Knight of Falmouth; d. May 14, 1832.

viii. SIMON, b. April 13, 1773; m. Mercy Holbrook, daughter of Abiezer and Elizabeth (Snow) Holbrook; d. Aug. 31, 1841, at Hallowell where he settled in 1816; his widow d. Jan. 26, 1859, aged 82.

Children, recorded in Hallowell:

1. *Elizabeth,* b. July 14, 1799, in Lisbon.
2. *Mary,* b. Aug. 3, 1804, in Lisbon; probably m., int. Sept. 1, 1827, in Hallowell, Capt. Benjamin Shepherd of Pittston.
3. *Jeremiah,* b. Jan. 29, 1807, in Lisbon.
4. *Maria,* b. July 16, 1812, in Bowdoinham; m. Jan. 7, 1830, Shepherd N. Butler.
5. *Harriet,* b. July 16, 1812, in Bowdoinham; m. Feb. 16, 1834, William P. Currier.
6. *John Converse,* b. Dec. 8, 1815, in Bowdoinham; d. July 15, 1834, in Hallowell.

ix. DAVID, b. April 13, 1775; m. Mary —— who d., his widow, March 10, 1849, in Hallowell, where he d. Aug. 15, 1829.

Children, recorded in Hallowell:

1. *Catherine,* b. June 17, 1802; d. unmarried July 17, 1872.
2. *Nancy,* b. May 12, 1805.
3. *Samuel W.,* b. May 2, 1806; m. May 9, 1844, Sarah Marsh; d. June 26, 1860.
4. *Hannah,* b. Nov. 4, 1808; m. May 16, 1831, Albert Berry.
5. *Simon,* b. May 12, 1811; pub. with Maria T. Parshley of Bath Jan. 16, 1836; m. June 23, 1838, Eliza Sargent Melvin of Readfield who d. July 5, 1851; d. Oct. 28, 1885, in Hallowell.

* Cumberland Deeds, 26: 346.

† Owing to the fact that Thompson's Pond Plantation was in a "gore," outside the limits of any organized township, the vital records of the Johnson family were not publicly recorded. The destruction of probate records by fire and the disappearance of the Johnson family from Poland, which eventually annexed that part of the plantation in which the family lived, have made it impossible to trace the descendants of William Johnson and his brothers Joseph and Jeremiah. Possibly their children settled in other Maine towns.

‡ Cumberland Deeds, 26: 347.

6. *Charles,* b. Sept. 4, 1814; m. Nov. 5, 1843, Rebecca B. Dennett.
7. *William Henry,* b. Oct. 4, 1819; m. Susan H. Twombley; d. May 15, 1866.
8. *Artemas,* b. Aug. 14, 1823; d. Oct. 28, 1826.

x. Charles, b. May 18, 1777; m. by Rev. Caleb Bradley Dec. 25, 1805, Ann Tate, daughter of Robert Tate, who d. April 30, 1853; he d. Feb. 23, 1865, at Windham Hill, where "Squire Johnson" was a man of wealth and local prominence.

Children:

1. *Martha Tate,* b. Dec. 1, 1806; d. Nov. 27, 1818.
2. *Elizabeth,* b. June 22, 1808; m. Oct. 21, 1838, Dr. Madison Bray.
3. *Ann,* b. Jan. 24, 1810; m. Feb. 13, 1834, Joseph Walker, the benefactor of the Portland and Westbrook public libraries.
4. *George Tate,* b. Jan. 14, 1812; lived in Louisiana.
5. *Margaret,* b. Aug. 20, 1813; d. May 10, 1814.
6. *Charles Pope,* b. Jan. 1, 1816; m. Nov. 19, 1848, Harriet Rogers Berry.
7. *Samuel Tate,* b. March 27, 1819; m. (1) Olive Coombs; m. (2) Lucinda Trull.

xi. Ruth, b. April 22, 1780; m. Oct. 27, 1803, James Swett of Georgetown; d. Sept. 1, 1817.

6. John[3] Johnson (*James,*[2] *James*[1]) was born May 14, 1737. He married Eleanor Lamb of Falmouth in March, 1764. She died May 20, 1820, aged eighty, and he died May 19, 1833, aged ninety-six. Their gravestones are standing (1936) in the Stroudwater graveyard.

With his cousin Robert he bought at a public vendue four acres, formerly the property of Capt. Zebulon Trickey, in 1759, and sold his undivided half to Robert in 1793.* He bought land in Gorham in 1766 and 1768, and in 1768 Col. Waldo deeded to him thirty-seven and a half acres, presumably in Stroudwater.† His father conveyed to him sixty acres of the homestead on July 7, 1767, and in 1771 he bought from his brother George the forty acres of the paternal farm which their father had deeded to George in 1753.‡ He also owned a hundred-acre lot in Windham (No. 69 in the third division) which he sold to Ichabod Hanson in 1780.§ His life seems to have been spent cultivating the Stroudwater farm, which he turned over to his sons Alexander and John on July 16, 1802, when it consisted of one hundred and seventy-two acres, "the same farm on which I now live."‖ He was collector of taxes

* Cumberland Deeds, 39: 405; 40: 172.
† Cumberland Deeds, 5: 477.
‡ Cumberland Deeds, 5: 367.
§ Cumberland Deeds, 10: 421.
‖ Cumberland Deeds, 104: 334.

in the Stroudwater parish in 1765 and 1766, and in 1775 he was elected a selectman of Falmouth. In the 1790 census his family consisted of three males over sixteen, two males under sixteen and five females, the name being spelled *Johnston.*

Children, born in Stroudwater:

i. Richard, b. Oct. 3, 1766; m. March 8, 1801, by Rev. Caleb Bradley, to Eunice Trickey; d. April 24, 1846, aged 80. He bought part of the Edward Chapman farm on the road leading from Stroudwater to Buxton, and in addition to farming he was a mill-wright.

Children:

1. *James;* m. June 5, 1828, Ruth Libby of Scarborough. He was a school-master.
2. *William,* b. Nov. 4, 1805; m. (1) Jan. 1, 1834, Elizabeth Hatch Johnson, daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah (Hatch) Johnson, who d. June 4, 1838; m. (2) int. June 6, 1841, Mary Gardiner of Otisfield.
3. *Mary Jane,* b. March 12, 1808; m. Jan. 31, 1844, Elbridge Gerry Libby; d. Feb. 22, 1850.
4. *David,* b. May 9, 1816.

ii. Elizabeth, b. Feb., 1767; m. Isaac Skillin July 13, 1786; d. Nov. 14, 1796, at North Yarmouth.

iii. Hannah; m. her second cousin, Matthew Johnson of Gorham, Nov. 26, 1789.

iv. William, b. in 1771; d. May 18, 1796, at Gorham and was buried at Stroudwater, aged twenty-five.

v. Jane, b. Nov. 29, 1772; m. Daniel Skillin April 17, 1791; d. at Cape Elizabeth May 16, 1857.

vi. Rebecca, b. March 11, 1774; m. Joseph Chenery Feb. 24, 1801; d. Feb. 8, 1863.

vii. Sally, b. Nov. 9, 1775; m. Daniel Trickey Dec. 7, 1800; d. Nov. 8, 1857.

viii. Alexander, b. April 28, 1777; m. his second cousin once removed, Sarah Johnson, daughter of Randall Johnson, March 9, 1818; d. May 13, 1840; she d. June 3, 1876, aged 83. Their gravestones are standing (1936) in the Stroudwater graveyard.

Children:

1. *Jane,* b. Dec. 4, 1818.
2. *George,* b. Nov. 7, 1820; selectman of Westbrook in 1861; d. unmarried Jan. 3, 1897.
3. *Dorcas,* b. Dec. 8, 1822; d. unmarried April 10, 1906.
4. *Joseph,* b. Oct. 7, 1824; m. Maria Cloyes Dec. 22, 1852; d. Nov. 23, 1872.

ix. Dorcas, b. April 28, 1780; m. William Roberts Sept. 21, 1817; d. Dec. 6, 1864.

x. John Lamb, b. May, 1784; d. May 25, 1844, unmarried. He deeded land obtained from his father to his brother Richard Oct. 2, 1843.*

7. Robert[3] Johnson (*John,*[2] *James*[1]) was born, presumably in Ireland, about the year 1724. He married in Falmouth, intention May 27, 1757 Mary (Trunley) Millions, widow of Robert

* Cumberland Deeds, 197: 359.

Millions. She was the daughter of Randall Trunley of Deptford, co. Kent, England. The letter which he wrote to her, on hearing of her second marriage, is still preserved, together with a later letter from his granddaughter, Jane Anderson, dated 1786, announcing his death and enclosing a copy of his will.

"Mr. Robert Johnson at Stroud Water in Falmouth Parish, Casco Bay, New England. Louing son and D'ter. This with my kind loue to you both & your wife & all youre brothers and sisters. Hoping you are both in good health as we are all at this time thanks be to God for it. I have sent 2 or 3 letters for you to come home but I find you have not received them & now I hear you are married & I hope to your mind and I hope you will do well. The Common Sergeant Gurdrd is dead the last March & I have not seen his will yet but your uncle Tho. Hockins tells us that he has left you & all your brothers and sisters 2 hundred pounds apiece but not to be paid till the death of his lady and what more comes to your share I will take care that you shall have it safe. I received your letter April the 15, 1758. Mr. Waldo promised to let me know when he come over but he did not so I find no opportunity of sending to you. Rundal Trunley. May the 7 1758 Deptford in Kent"

"Rotherhithe Oct. 20, 1786. Dear Uncle & Aunt - - - - My grandfather departed this life the 17th of April in the 100 year of his age after an illness of three weeks and was interred at Tottenham by his own desire. Jane Anderson."

The will of Randall Trunley of the parish of St. Paul, Deptford in the county of Surry (*sic*), yeoman, was dated June 24, 1783, and names his children Thomas Trunly, John Trunly, Jane Anderson and Mary Johnson.

With the not inconsiderable wealth inherited by his wife, Robert Johnson was enabled to buy large farms in Gorham and North Yarmouth for four of his five sons, and the pouring of silver coins from his saddle-bag in full payment to the astonished grantors has become a family tradition.

In 1755, before his marriage, Robert agreed to pay his father £100 in labor in return for one-half of the homestead farm. Eventually he had the whole of it, passing it on to his son Randall in 1798 together with thirty-eight acres on the north side of Stroudwater River, fifty acres in Cape Elizabeth and a thatch bed of fifteen acres on the Spurwink River.*

He saw some service at sea in the Revolution. He was master of the sloop *Brittania*, laden with supplies for troops engaged in the

* Cumberland Deeds, 33: 128.

Penobscot Expedition, according to the list returned by John Lucas, commissary, dated at Boston July 12, 1779.

Robert Johnson died October 3, 1802, aged seventy-eight. His wife was possibly that widow Johnson who died February 19, 1823, aged ninety-two.

Children, born in Stroudwater:

i. JOHN, b. Feb. 28, 1760; m. Jan. 6, 1782, at Cape Elizabeth, Eleanor Trickey. On Dec. 17, 1787, his father, for love and affection, deeded to him two thirty-acre lots (No. 65 and No. 67) and part of a hundred-acre lot (No. 113) in Gorham, and John built his house there, on the west side of Fort Hill road.

Children:

1. *Susanna,* b. Oct. 4, 1785; m. Oct. 14, 1830, Timothy Ayer of Naples.
2. *Zebulon,* b. July 1, 1787; m. Sept. 25, 1820, Nancy Thomes; lived in Harrison.
3. *Eunice,* b. July 26, 1789; m. Samuel Harmon of Harrison.
4. *John,* b. Feb. 8, 1792; m. Mehitable Thomes; lived in Harrison; 5 children.
5. *Rebecca,* b. Nov. 10, 1794; m. April 14, 1816, Lewis Hanscom.
6. *David,* b. Aug. 13, 1797; m. Jan. 21, 1825, Harriet Gilkey; d. Sept. 1, 1825.
7. *Mary;* m. Jan. 5, 1824, Joseph Gilkey of Harrison.

ii. ROBERT, b. May 10, 1762; m. July 4, 1790, Mary Chamberlain who d. April 2, 1835, d. July 13, 1834, aged 72. His father deeded to him the hundred-acre lot (No. 111) in Gorham in 1788.

Child:

1. *Robert,* b. March 14, 1791; m. Nov. 28, 1814, his cousin Hannah Johnson, daughter of Matthew and Hannah (Johnson) Johnson, who d. Nov. 4, 1858; d. Oct. 6, 1861; representative of Gorham at the Maine legislature of 1840; 2 children.

iii. MATTHEW, b. Feb. 11, 1765; m. Nov. 26, 1789, his second cousin Hannah Johnson, daughter of John and Eleanor (Lamb) Johnson, who d. Nov. 14, 1842, aged 73; d. March 27, 1846. His father gave him the hundred-acre lot (No. 112) in Gorham in 1786. He served Gorham as selectman in 1819.

Children, born in Gorham:

1. *Thomas,* b. Oct. 5, 1790; m. (1) Nov. 28, 1814, Mary Hamblen who d. April 16, 1830; m. (2) Dorothy Libby who d. Dec. 12, 1864, aged 70; d. April 29, 1869; 3 children.
2. *Hannah,* b. Nov. 23, 1793; m. Nov. 28, 1814, her cousin Robert Johnson.
3. *William,* b. Jan. 15, 1798; m. (1) Sept. 7, 1819, Mary Trickey who d. Dec. 5, 1858, aged 56; m. (2) Eliza (Libby) Johnson, widow of his brother John, who d. April 12, 1882, aged 77; d. May 28, 1876; 8 children.
4. *John,* b. May 8, 1800; m. Dec. 4, 1822, Eliza Libby; d. Sept. 3, 1856, *s.p.*

5. *Samuel,* b. April 4, 1805; m. (1) April 25, 1826, Jane Trickey who d. June 28, 1853, aged 48; m. (2) March 3, 1854, Elizabeth (Files) Libby who d. June 17, 1887; d. Oct. 9, 1861; 10 children.

iv. Randall, b. Sept. 10, 1767; m. at Cape Elizabeth July 24, 1792, Miriam Skillings who d. April 7, 1853, aged 86; d. May 26, 1848, aged 81. His father gave him the John Johnston homestead in 1798.* He was a selectman of the town of Westbrook from 1814 to 1820.

Children, born in Stroudwater:

1. *Sarah,* b. Feb. 18, 1793; m. March 9, 1818, her kinsman Alexander Johnson.
2. *Mary;* m. by Rev. Caleb Bradley Nov. 24, 1817, to Capt. Samuel Miller; d. June 20, 1885, in Lewiston.
3. *Rebecca;* probably the child who d. Nov. 22, 1801, aged 5.
4. *Robert Rich;* m. by Rev. Caleb Bradley Dec. 31, 1820, to Mary Knight who d. July 25, 1880, aged 75; d. in Gorham Sept. 15, 1874, aged 75. His father bought for him a farm on the road from West Gorham to Fort Hill in 1821, and in 1856 he built a house on High Street in Gorham village. 3 children.
5. *Isaac,* b. July 17, 1801; m. (1) Aug. 20, 1829, Abigail H. Frost who d. March 15, 1852, aged 42; m. (2) Emmeline (Frost) Leavitt, sister of his first wife; d. Jan. 13, 1875. His father gave him the ancestral homestead in 1831.† He was a selectman of Westbrook in 1840. 11 children.
6. *Elizabeth;* m. Jan. 26, 1823, Simon Elder of Gorham.

v. Thomas; m. at Cape Elizabeth Oct. 21, 1792, Eunice Skillings who d. Sept. 2, 1844, aged 76; d. Nov. 20, 1845. They lived in North Yarmouth where his father bought a farm for him May 16, 1795.‡

Children, born in North Yarmouth:

1. *Samuel;* m. in Pownal Dec. 6, 1821, Esther Dam who d. May 7, 1880; he d. April 3, 1876.
2. *Rebecca;* m. Elias Tuttle of Pownal.
3. *Thomas;* suffered a brain injury while wrestling; d. unmarried Jan. 28, 1865.
4. *Daniel;* m. Harriet ——.
5. *Isaac Skillings;* m. in Pownal March 8, 1832, Ann Dam who d. April 1, 1884; he d. Sept. 18, 1878.
6. *Eunice;* m. Rev. James S. Rice of Buxton.
7. *Lucy;* m. —— Shaw.
8. *Mary* (Polly); d. unmarried about 1880.

vi. Mary, b. Feb. 6, 1773; m. at Cape Elizabeth Feb. 19, 1792, Samuel Dunn.

* Cumberland Deeds, 33: 128.
† Cumberland Deeds, 121: 364.
‡ Cumberland Deeds, 48: 202.

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